

HMB Fears Planned U. S. Tax Reform

By W. Barry Garrett
WASHINGTON (BP)—The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta has joined a rising crescendo of voices asking that "unrelated business income of churches" be taxed. But it opposed other tax reforms that might adversely affect gifts to churches and church-related institutions and agencies.

The Home Mission Board's resolution was sent to the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives of the U.S. Congress. The committee is currently working on tax reform measures, many of which directly and indirectly affect the income of churches and their agencies.

Earlier the General Board of the National Council of Churches and the United States Catholic Conference issued a joint statement on U. S. tax policies as related to churches. The National Council is composed of 33 Protestant and Orthodox denominations in the United States. The Catholic Conference is the organization of all Roman Catholic Bishops in the nation.

The Joint Protestant-Catholic statement favored "elimination of the specific exemption of churches from taxation on income from regularly conducted commercial business activities which are unrelated to their exempt functions."

Referring to tax encouragement for giving to religious, educational and charitable organizations, the Home Mission Board charged that "certain

tax recommendations proposed by the Johnson administration, if approved and enacted into law, would seriously restrict the tax incentive involved in such gifts."

Further, the board urged the House Ways and Means Committee "to consider seriously the adverse effect on gifts to churches and church related institutions and agencies that seem likely to result from adoption of most of the proposed changes now under consideration by said committee."

Specifically, the Baptist Home Mission Board urged the House Ways and Means Committee "To reject the proposed changes in present tax laws which would:

- "1. Tax capital gains on appreciated property where such property is the subject of a charity gift.
- "2. Remove tax benefits of charitable remainder trusts, life income contracts, gift annuities and short-term trusts;
- "3. Abolish tax incentive for 'bargain sales';
- "4. Tax donors on inventory and other 'ordinary income' gifts;
- "5. Place a 3% or other, floor on charitable deductions;
- "6. Reduce the charitable deductions under an allocation of deductions between taxable and non-taxable income formula;
- "7. Deny deductions for gifts on the use of property;
- "8. Include appreciation on proper-

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Criswell Opposes Baptism Of Children Under Eight

By Larry Jerden
DALLAS (BP)—The president of the Southern Baptist Convention, W. A. Criswell, told his congregation that children under eight years of age should not be baptized.

"A child ought not to be baptized until he is a Junior — age 9, 10, 11, or 12; not at age four, five, six, seven or eight," Criswell said.

The pastor of the 15,000 member church devoted about half of his Mother's Day sermon to the question of the proper age for baptism. He said he knew he was doing wrong when he baptized a younger child.

A check of Southern Baptist Convention statistics disclosed that during 1968, Southern Baptist churches baptized 1,463 children under six years of age, and 36,867 children ages six through eight.

Criswell said he had wrestled with the problem of baptizing children for over 40 years, and had baptized underage youngsters mostly because of parental pressure.

"A parent comes to me and says his child, five or six years old, has accepted Jesus as Savior," Criswell said. "The Bible says a believer should be baptized. So, he says his child should be baptized."

"I know there is something wrong with that," he said. "I know that child has not reached the maturity by which he should be a member of the congregation."

"But I have not been able to convince the parents of that. So, heretofore," he added, "I have taken the little children... and held them in the baptistry... and baptized them."

"Every time I have done so I have had a self-accusation of conscience on my soul," Criswell said. "I know I am not doing right."

He said he had been pressed for the minimum age, and responded, "I am not God and I do know know."

"But," he said after listing several possibilities, "a child ought to be a Junior before being baptized."

Criswell said he knew he was doing wrong in baptizing children any younger than nine because of the number who return after they are older, saying they were not truly con-

verted the first time, or that they could not even remember the experience.

He also said the older age is inferred, though not stated, in the New Testament.

"The whole book Matthew through Revelation, is addressed to adults," he said. "It presupposes a mature mind."

Criswell pointed out that whether the child is baptized has no bearing on his salvation. He encouraged parents in his church to continue to bring their children to make a decision.

"The salvation of the child is in Jesus' hands," he said, "not in what we can do or not do. I can baptize the child or not baptize him, and that has nothing to do with it."

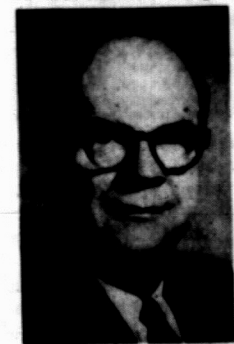
"Teach the child to love Jesus, and any time he responds, bring him to the front," he told the congregation. "But before he is baptized, he needs the maturity of mind whereby he can take his place in the congregation."

Nine Hundred Are Expected To Attend From Mississippi

Up to 900 Mississippi Baptists are expected to attend the 111th session of the Southern Baptist Convention to be held in New Orleans, La., June 10-13.

An estimated 15,000 people from every section of the nation are expected to attend the sessions, to be held in the Rivergate Exhibition Center.

The program is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday and close Friday night. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City



Mr. Cooper

layman, is vice - president and will preside over one or more sessions.

The convention's Executive Committee will meet just prior to the convention. Mississippi members are Mr. Cooper, Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg and T. Cooper, Walton, Jackson.

Mississippi members of committees that will report to the convention are: Boards, Dr. Bill Causey, Jackson and George Estes, Jr., Gulfport; Public Affairs, and State Baptist Papers, Dr. Joe T. Odle, Jackson; North American Baptists Fellowship, Dr. Edwin Robinson, Jackson.

Several related important meetings are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday prior to the opening of the convention Tuesday evening.

Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Conven-

tion, will meet in the same auditorium where the convention is to meet beginning Monday morning at 9:30. Mrs. Vernon May, Louisville state WMU president, is by virtue of her office a vice - president of the Southern Baptist WMU.

The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet in the Municipal Auditorium beginning at 9:15 Monday morning and adjourn Tuesday afternoon.

The Southern Baptist Religious Education Association will meet in the Sheraton - Charles Hotel beginning Monday morning at 9:30 and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday.

The Southern Baptist Church Music Conference will be held at the Leavell Chapel at New Orleans Baptist Seminary beginning Monday

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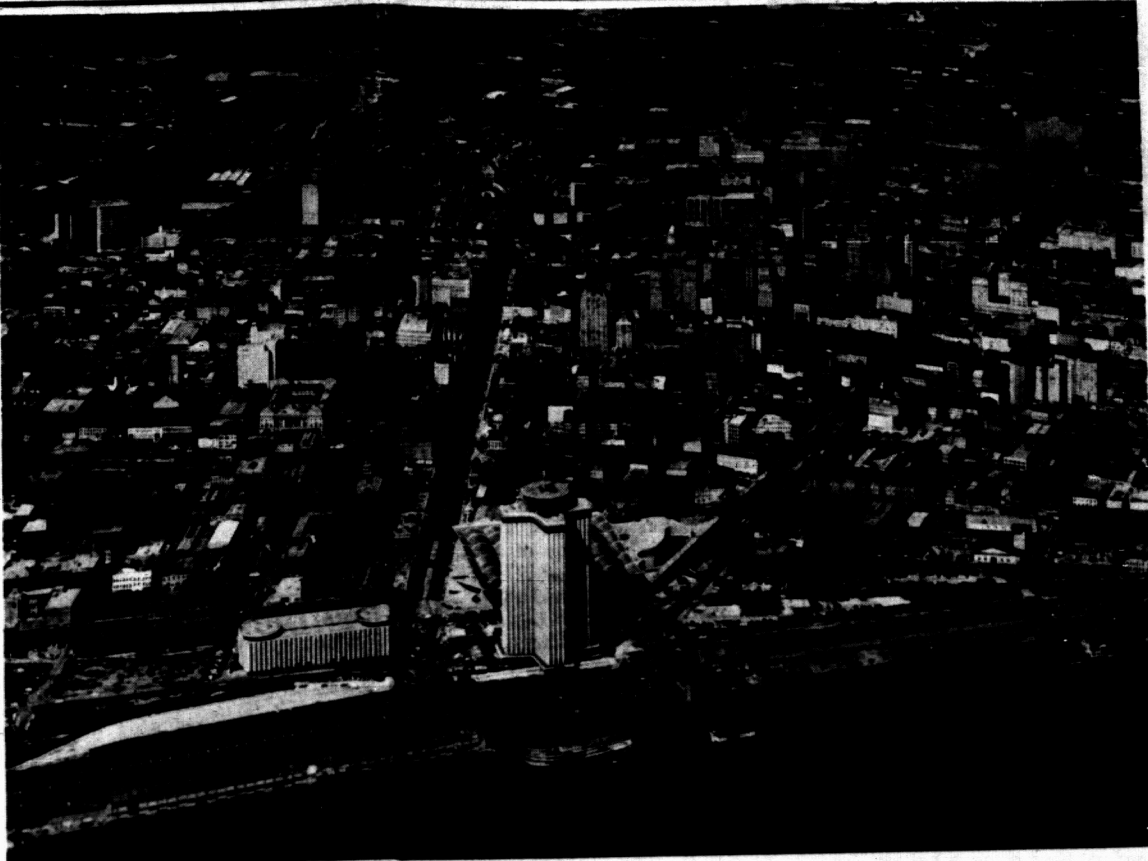
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Aerial View of New Orleans

New Orleans, host city for the Southern Baptist Convention June 10-13, is viewed from the air with the newly-constructed Rivergate Exhibition Center, where the Convention will meet, seen immediately

behind the skyscraper International Trade Mart located in center foreground on bank of Mississippi River. —(Photo by Chauncey Hinman, Gulfport.)

Extremism, Crisis, And Crusade Reports

SBC Agenda Set For N.O.

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—A recommendation condemning extremism as "dangerous," "insidious," and "destructive" will be a major Baptist effort in 1968-69 in evangelism and in dealing with the nation's racial crisis, will be major items on the agenda for the Southern Baptist Convention here, June 10-13.

More than 15,000 Baptists are expected to attend the meeting of the 113 million member convention the nation's largest Protestant denomination, Tuesday through Thursday, June 10-13, at The Rivergate Exhibition Center here.

A strongly-worded statement on extremism will be brought to the convention on Friday morning by the denomination, which hits out at extremism on both left and right.

The recommendations affirm "our deep conviction that extremism of whatever variety and wherever found does not communicate the spirit of Christ, and that we stand fast against any man or group who would subvert truth and corrupt justice through fear, suspicion, divisiveness and violence."

It also urges Baptists to "seek to

remedy those conditions which foster extremism and breed violence by doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God."

The statement condemns extremism of left and right equally. "Those of the left would turn the church into an agency of political pressure for radical restructuring of society while ignoring the supernatural dimension of God's saving grace in Jesus Christ as it changes individuals," says the report.

"Those on the right declare that the church's concern is only for man's soul and seek to force every member into a right adherence to the Bible as they see it, while ignoring the strong, pervasive emphasis of our Lord upon a costly discipleship which places moral and ethical demands upon every Christian in all personal and social relationships," it continues.

Major business items on the agenda include consideration of a record \$27,158,119 budget, reports from 21 different agencies and organizations of the convention, and election of officers.

Major reports will deal with results of a hemisphere-wide Baptist evangelistic effort this year called the Crusade of the Americas, and with efforts by each of the SBC agencies, especially the Home Mission Board, to implement "A Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation" adopted by the convention last year in Houston.

New curriculum and denominational plans for the 1970's will be revealed, as will a new name for Training Union, the Sunday evening church training program of Baptist churches.

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ABC Hears Demands For 'Reparations'

SEATTLE, Wash. (BP) — Black militants led by James Forman made four specific demands of Baptists for "reparations" during the American Baptist Convention here.

Forman, chairman of the National Black Economic Conferences, made the demands in addition to earlier ultimatums asking for \$500 million in reparations from all Christian churches and Jewish synagogues. The demands were initially presented in the form of a Black Manifesto.

At the American Baptist Convention here, Forman made these four demands:

1. Turn over unused convention-owned property in Southern states to the Black Conference for conversion into cooperative farms.
2. Donate \$60 million to the Inter-Religious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO).
3. Invest 60 per cent of its financial holdings in black communities.
4. Spend \$700 million on black schools.

Forman also charged that American churches have, along with government and business, exploited the black community, and that black people have helped create the wealth of the country but have been denied the opportunity to "participate in the fruits."

Over the objection of some delegates, Forman was granted 15 minutes on the convention program. Equal time was allowed for positive and negative response.

A California pastor told the convention the requests were "invalid" and praised the capitalism that built the country, but a New York minister urged the convention to "put our money where our mouth is."

Earlier during the convention, Thomas Kilgore, Jr., of Los Angeles, was elected as the first Negro president of the American Baptist Convention. Kilgore is pastor of Second Baptist Church, Los Angeles.

While Forman was presenting his demands for reparations, a group called Young American Baptist Churchmen was staging a fast to dramatize the urgency of world hunger.

"Malnutrition kills approximately

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FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Two area dinner meetings, designed to better acquaint the lay leadership of the Baptist churches of the state with the new executive secretary, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, have been scheduled for June 3 and 5.

The meetings, first in a series of several such gatherings designed to cover the entire state, are being sponsored by the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo, chairman.

The first meeting will be held at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Tuesday, June 3 at 7 p.m.

Rev. Larry Rohman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Biloxi and a member of the Executive Committee, is chairman of the meeting with Dr. John Traylor, pastor of First Baptist

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The Exploding Population and the Threat of World-Wide Hunger

(Editors Note: Dr. Paul R. Ehrlich, a scientist at Stanford University in California, is the author of a startling book, "The Population Bomb." (Ballantine Books, paper, 95c.). Mr. Max Phillips recently interviewed him for the magazine Signs of the Times, (Seventh Day Adventist publication) and we have received permission to reprint the article in the Baptist Record.

In the introduction in Signs of the Times, the author, Mr. Phillips, said, "Population expert Paul R. Ehrlich doesn't believe the world as we know it can last another twenty years. He sees vast globe-sweeping famines and wars ahead, very possibly ending life on this planet. To find out more about Dr. Ehrlich and his chilling predictions I read his book The Population Bomb. Then I interviewed him

in his laboratory at Stanford University, where he is professor of biology and director of graduate study for the department of biological sciences. His specialty is population biology. I found him genial and highly cooperative — and surprisingly young-looking despite his ten years as research scientist and professor at Stanford."

These individuals who are familiar with what Jesus said about "famine and pestilence" in the "last days" just before His return, will find some amazing things in this book, and in this article.)

What makes you think there is a population crisis?

Well, we are about to run out of our food resources, and we are destroying the ecological systems of our planet which keep us alive. At the present rate we are doubling the popula-

tion of the world every thirty - five years. This means that all the facilities that we have created for food, medical attention, highways, buildings, and so on would have to be doubled in the next thirty - five years if we are to keep mankind at the present level of existence, or I should say misery. Everything is going to have to be doubled in the next thirty-five years just to stay even. And staying even means that somewhere between 1 and 2 billion people are going to be malnourished and perhaps as many as 10 million a year are going to starve to death.

I've heard that the birth rate in the United States is on the decline. Is that true?

True and false. The birth rate this year has fluctuated around an all-time low of about seventeen per thousand.

What isn't mentioned is that the death rate is down around nine per thousand and the population is still growing at a rate which will double our population size every seventy - five years or so. Women born between 1948 and 1955, post World War II boom babies, are coming into their childbearing years. Women who were born in 1948 are just turning twenty-one this year, entering their most productive years. So we know the birth rate is going to go back up dramatically. But even with our birth rate at an all - time low, the population is still growing at a catastrophic rate — doubling every seventy-five years.

In your book you wrote, "The battle to feed all of humanity is over. In the 1970's the world will undergo a famine — hundreds of millions of peo-

ple are going to starve to death in spite of any crash programs embarked upon now." Don't you think this is a bit pessimistic?

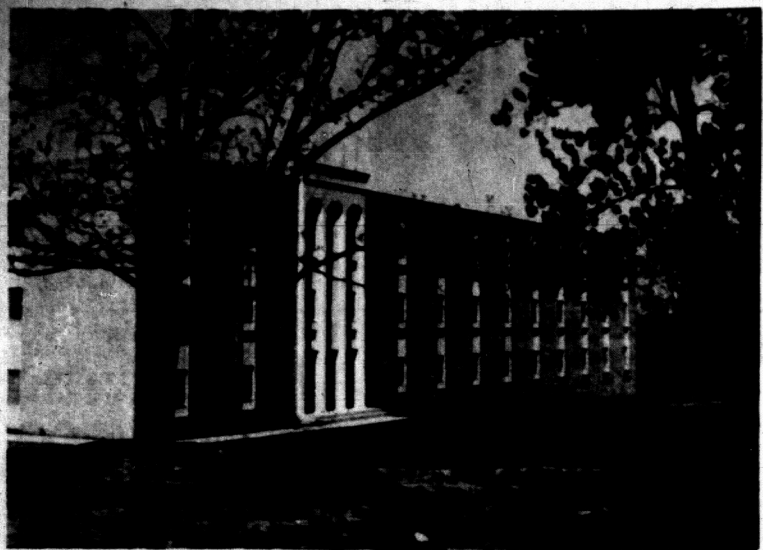
It is certainly pessimistic, but it is also realistic. We are failing to feed the people that we now have. At the moment more people in the world are hungry than well fed. We already have a disgraceful level of death through starvation in the world including some parts of the United States. When you stop to think that the population is growing at a rate of 70,000,000 people every year, we have got to find some way of feeding them. The level of misery is going to increase very rapidly over the next few years. We are already in bad shape, and yet we are making the problem worse and worse as each year goes by; so while I'm cer-

tainly unhappy and pessimistic about the situation, I'm also realistic.

How did you first become concerned with the population crisis?

Back in 1949, when I was a freshman at the University of Pennsylvania, I read a book by William Vogt, who has just recently died called Road to Survival. I was becoming a biologist, and so got more and more interested in the problem. When I first came to Stanford ten years ago, I started lecturing to my classes on it. Then the alumni heard about it and asked me to speak. Somehow I began giving more and more talks until the Commonwealth Club and a number of radio and TV people got interested, and all of a sudden I found that instead of being a full-time

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BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE'S new Cockcroft Residence Hall, dedicated and named during recent special ceremonies. Cockcroft Hall will be open for the 1969 summer session.



PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS in the dedication of Veeve Cockcroft Lowrey Residence Hall, now ready for occupancy at Blue Mountain College, are, left to right: Donna Veeve Eek, granddaughter of Mrs. Lowrey, who cut the ribbon for the opening of the residence hall; President E. Harold Fisher, who gave the address of tribute to Mrs. Lowrey; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; who led the prayer of dedication; Mrs. Jean Lowrey Eek, daughter of Mrs. Lowrey; and the Honorable Joe Jack Hurst, also of Jackson, chairman of the Board of Trustees of BMC, who presented the resolutions to name the new dormitory "Cockcroft Hall."

Blue Mountain College Dedicates Cockcroft Hall



AT THE DEDICATION of Blue Mountain's new residence hall named for and in honor of Mrs. Veeve Cockcroft Lowrey, the Honorable Joe Jack Hurst of Jackson, right, presented a copy of the Trustees' Resolution to her brother, Dr. Bill Cockcroft of Memphis.

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Church in Gulfport, serving as co-chairman.

At the first meeting, Sunday school superintendents, Training Union directors, W. M. U. presidents and other church leaders from all Baptist churches in Gulf Coast, Jackson, Pearl River and George county associations are urged to attend.

The second meeting will be held Thursday evening, June 5 at 7:30 at the Natchez Trace Inn in Tupelo.

Baptist church leadership in the following Baptist associations is urged to attend: Alcorn, Tishomingo, Itawamba, Lee, Pontotoc, Union County, Tippah, Monroe and Prentiss.

Wives and husbands of leaders are also invited to attend at both meetings.

The committee for the Tupelo meeting is composed of Dr. Hamblin, Dr. W. Levon Moore, Pontotoc, president of the Convention Board, co-chairman, and Aubrey Gaskins, minister of music of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, music chairman.

Attendance committees for both meetings are also at work.

A nominal sum will be charged for the meal at each meeting.

Featured at each meeting, according to Dr. Hamblin, will be fellowship, music and a message by Dr. Hudgins.



Graduation Time

William Carey College student government president Dave DeBord had his mortar board adjusted on Saturday night, May 24, just before leaving for graduation exercises, by his pretty little wife, Jane. She couldn't go with him because she was graduating at the same time across town at the University of Southern Mississippi. The couple will continue their studies at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. this fall.

Lucien Homecoming

Lucien Church, Franklin County, will have homecoming on Sunday, June 1. Rev. Homer Case is in charge of music. Preaching services will be at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch, and an afternoon song service. A special invitation goes to all members, summer members, and friends, says a statement, John B. Conla, pastor.

Dedication day at Blue Mountain College included many activities of distinction, color, history, and beauty, as the new dormitory, just completed and furnished, was named in honor of Mrs. Veeve Cockcroft Lowrey, for twenty-five years. First Lady of the College, as she assisted her husband, Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, in his services as president of Blue Mountain College.

The new women's dormitory built and furnished for an approximate cost of \$325,000 will be known as Cockcroft Hall. It has accommodations for 108 students; the first floor includes a spacious living room, office, hostess suite, laundry room, and equipment room; the building has television lounges on each floor; kitchens on second and third floors; and air-conditioning throughout.

Just prior to the program of dedication, held at noon in Ray Dining Hall, a meeting of the State Baptist Education Commission was held in office of President E. Harold Fisher.

At 12:15 p.m., Blue Mountain's Dedication Day program began with a luncheon. The program, presided over by the Honorable Joe Jack Hurst of Jackson, Chairman of the Blue Mountain Board of Trustees, included the Invocation, led by Dr. John Barnes, Chairman of the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; a special welcome given by Sandra Murphy of Eupora; Student Body Representative, who presented a check for \$28,012.70 to Trustee Chairman, Hurst; from the students of the College to be applied toward Blue Mountain's continued Quest for Quality which includes the students dream of "SUB," a new Student Union Building; and the dedicatory address, which was delivered by Dr. Felix Robb of Atlanta, Georgia, Director of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Immediately after the Dedicatory Address, all guests and program participants gathered at the front of Cockcroft Hall, where Trustee Chairman, Hon. Joe Jack Hurst, presided over the Dedication of the new residence hall.

President E. Harold Fisher recognized members of the Lowrey and Cockcroft families and many friends of the families and the college. Following the president's welcome, the Blue Mountain College Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Brooks Haynes, Chairman of the Music Department, sang. President Fisher gave the Address of Tribute to Mrs. Veeve Cockcroft Lowrey, relating some of the history of her life and closing with these words, "There are few people who have contributed more to the college than did Veeve Cockcroft Lowrey through her years as a student, teacher, and wife of the president. Her life exemplified the objectives of the college—leadership, integrity in scholarship, and personal relationships, preparation for successful home and family living, and the development of worthy womanhood."

Copies of the Formal Resolution to name the new residence hall for Mrs. Veeve Cockcroft Lowrey were presented to Dr. Bill Cockcroft of Memphis, brother of Mrs. Lowrey, and to her daughter, Mrs. Jean Lowrey Eek (Mrs. Lauris M. Eek) of Carlisle, Pa., the former Director of the Speech Department of the college and an alumna. Copies of the Resolution were mailed to the only son of Mrs. Lowrey, Robert Booth Lowrey of Los Angeles, California, and other relatives.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson, Executive Secretary, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, led the prayer of dedication.

Formal cutting of the gold ribbon and opening of the new dormitory,

were performed by Donna Veeve Eek, granddaughter of Mrs. Veeve Cockcroft Lowrey and daughter of Mrs. Jean Lowrey Eek. After the formal opening of the doors, all people assembled were invited to make a tour of the new hall.

Cockcroft Hall will be open for the 1969 summer session of the College, which begins June 3.

Calvary Church Belzoni, Burns

Calvary Church, Belzoni, burned to the ground Sunday night, May 11. The pastor, Rev. Gerald Porter, says, "We were not able to save even a song book. Also we had only a about half enough insurance. We do not know how the fire started."

The congregation has purchased a tent for temporary use, until they can rebuild. So far, they have not missed a service, including the midweek prayer services.

No More Hotel Rooms For SBC

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—No more hotel or motel rooms are available in New Orleans during the week of the Southern Baptist Convention, according to a report from Glen Douthit, executive director of the New Orleans Tourist and Convention Commission.

Douthit, whose office handles room requests for the SBC Housing Bureau here, warned Baptists not to travel all the way to New Orleans without a confirmed room reservation, hoping to get a room when they arrived. They shouldn't come, he said.

He also warned those who have confirmed reservations to arrive on the date indicated on the reservation form, not earlier or later, for rooms are not held if the people do not show up.

Douthit suggested that because of the lack of additional rooms, Baptists attending the convention should not attempt to try to change from one hotel (or motel) to another.

Wildwood Plans Open House On Homecoming Day

Plans are being completed by Wildwood Church, Laurel, for a annual homecoming day and service to be held on Sunday, June 1. Rev. Billy Johnson, pastor, will deliver the morning message at 11:00 a.m. and a luncheon served by members of the church and a special hospitality group, will follow.

After the lunch period open house is planned at the new pastorial from 1:30 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. At 2:30 P.M. Rev. Mac Parker, a former deacon and member of the church, and now pastor of Freedom Church, will give the dedicatory message.

The members of Wildwood invite all former pastors, members, and friends of the church to join the congregation on this special day for the regular services and a period of fellowship and reminiscence.

Mrs. G. Earl Guinn Dies In Louisiana

PINEVILLE, La. (BP)—Mrs. G. Earl Guinn, wife of the president of Louisiana College (Baptist) here died after an extended illness. She was 85.

Funeral services were held May 22 at the Emmanuel Baptist Church here where she was a member. Her husband has been president of the Baptist school since 1951.

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as a part of another major report.

A total of five hours during the convention will be devoted to miscellaneous business, when any issue or question can be raised from the convention floor. Convention officials pointed out that there is no way to accurately predict what might come up during these miscellaneous business sessions.

A half-dozen pre-convention sessions are slated to deal with a broad range of issues, including such things as theological openness and freedom, racism, birth control, war and peace, ecumenical evangelism, poverty, drug usage, and other issues. Any one of these could come up during the main convention later in the week.

Students who picketed the convention last year will meet jointly with adults who have organized a group called the "E. Y. Mullins Fellowship," on Monday, and then split into separate meetings on Tuesday at St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church.

The students, members of a loosely-organized group called "Baptist Students Concerned," will devote their Tuesday sessions to planning strategy for influencing the main convention through resolutions, student participation, recommendations, etc.

The Mullins Fellowship, which was organized by several Richmond, Va., pastors and several professors who are leaders in the Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, will mainly deal with the theological issue of openness and freedom of biblical interpretation. The professors' association adopted in February a resolution protesting the nature of publicity surrounding the book by Convention President W. A. Criswell entitled Why I Preach That the Bible Is Literally True, saying the publicity implied the book espoused an official convention position.

Several published reports indicated that the Mullins Fellowship, or individual members of the group, might push as candidate in the convention election of a president. If tradition is followed, however, Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, would be re-elected to a second term as president.

A wide range of issues will be on the agenda for speeches in the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference at the New Orleans Municipal Auditorium, Monday and Tuesday. The issues include separation of church and state, birth control, situation ethics and the new morality, the radical pulpit, preaching on social issues, poverty, and Baptist doctrine.

Another issue which might draw fire is a proposal from the SBC Com-

mittee to move the starting time for the 125th anniversary convention next year in Denver up from Tuesday to Monday evening, and that the Executive Committee study this proposal concerning future conventions.

A former president of the SBC Pastors' Conference, Jess Moody of West Palm Beach, Fla., has written an article opposing the idea and defending the SBC Pastors' Conference.

Whether these or any other issues, however, will break open during the convention, no one knows for sure, including convention officials.

Concern Expressed For Lack of Inner City Ministries

ATLANTA (BP)—A sense of urgency in grasping the nature of the problems of the inner city, and ways to respond effectively dominated the sessions of a Southern Baptist consultation on the inner city here.

Even those churchmen conscientiously attempting to cope with the awesomeness of the city core seem haunted with what one Southern Baptist government worker expressed as "the fear that what we do will be 'too little, too late, too illy-white.'"

At the consultation sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's metropolitan missions department, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Professor Findley Edge of Louisville nailed down the point:

"The church as we know it can die. We are in definite danger going on in our typical Southern leisurely fashion, thinking we have time to change, unaware that a fire is burning at the roots of our institutions."

The fire that downtown and inner-city churches cannot ignore, of course, is the one raging in the heart of the black man. Racial prejudice—both subtle and overt—was dealt with a major stumbling block during the four-day conference, and the subject surfaced in one small group discussion at its most potent point—the matter of interracial courtship and marriage.

"Restless Ones" At Petal

The Billy Graham film, "The Restless Ones," will be shown at the Petal High School on May 30th and 31st, at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Advance tickets for \$1.00 are available at all Petal Drug Stores, and box office tickets will be \$1.25.

Ex-Convict Jack Brown Spoke 67 Times In Jackson Area



Mr. Brown (Left) and Mr. Tarpley, superintendent of missions for Hinds-Madison Baptist Association, Ex-Convict Jack Brown has had an unusually fine reception in the Jackson area.

He spoke 67 times in three weeks which includes 35 churches, 20 schools, 3 service clubs, 2 jails, the Veterans Hospital, one conference of associational missionaries, an all-night sing at the city auditorium, one radio program, a factory and one television program. Television station, W. L. B. T. did an hour show on him and ran it on prime time 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

Brown is a graduate of Leavenworth, San Quentin, Alcatraz, Lexington, and McAlister prisons. He was a prison mate of Al Capone, Birdman, Machine Gun Kelly, C. Chessman and many others. He was 30 years a drug addict, 17 years in prison, 3 years solitary confinement, 4 years on death row.

Jack is now completely rehabilitated. He was pardoned by former Governor Pat Brown and has devoted his life to youth everywhere, lecturing in churches, schools, and clubs. He speaks to some 800,000 high school students a year.

In nearly every school there was a standing ovation from the young people. It is estimated that he spoke to some 15,000 high school students in the Jackson area. On each Sunday he spoke to five churches and to a different church each night during the week and two churches on Wednesday night.

The pastors reported exceptional at-

tendance during the week and packed houses on Sundays and Wednesday nights.

No honorarium or offerings were taken in schools and clubs but the churches usually took a free will offering to help take care of his expenses and living. He pays his own travel expense and lodging.

Zonderman Publishing Company is printing 250,000 copies of a book called "Monkey Off My Back," telling about the amazing grace of God operating in the life of Jack Brown. This book should be out in September. Hollywood is also making a picture depicting the story of his life.

He will return to Jackson to speak at the Associational Youth Night on June 27 at the Daniel Memorial Baptist Church.

Six of the churches in Jackson have invited Jack back for youth revivals the first three weeks in August. Anyone interested in booking him the last week in August or September should contact Rev. Fred Tarpley P. O. Box 4686, Jackson, Miss.

Mr. Brown will conclude his schedule in Jackson Thursday, May 29 and will go to Memphis, for three weeks. This will be his second time in Memphis.

Revival Dates

First Church, Ripley: June 1-8; "Dr. Angel Martinez, Fort Smith, Arkansas, evangelist; Steve Taylor, Greenville, South Carolina, leading the singing; services at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Robert W. Martin, pastor.

North Union Church, Collins: June 1-6; Rev. Glen Williams, associational superintendent of missions for Covington - Jeff. Davis, evangelist; Sunday services at 11:00 a.m. with dinner on the grounds and an afternoon service; evening worship, Monday through Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Bilbo Sellers, pastor.

First, Taylorsville: June 1-8; Revival team: Evangelist and Mrs. Ed Stalenecker; Mr. and Mrs. David Tyson. Hours: Sunday services—11:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.; weekday—7:30 p.m.

World-Wide Hunger

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biologist I was a part-time propagandist.

In your book I read about the population crisis in India with its tremendous masses of struggling humanity. It led me to think that the Americans with their affluent society are not prepared to realize the imminent dangers.

While Americans are in better shape than the Indians, I don't think Americans realize how tied in with the rest of the world we are. We utilize something like one half of all of the raw materials that we consumed on the face of the earth every year. We rely tremendously on imports to maintain our current level of affluence. As people start starving and as these other countries go into famine and wars and their political stability disappears, we are going to have a great deal of trouble getting the things we need.

Just look at your daily newspaper and you'll see all kinds of comments on crowded highways, crowded schools, crowded jails, inadequate court facilities, ineffective sewage disposal, air pollution, and so on — all symptoms of the population explosion. Too many people now, and every year too many more.

Can we produce more food to take care of the additional people?

There are some things we can do, at least temporarily, to increase our food supplies; but with all our agricultural technology we can't come close to taking care of even the people we have now, to say nothing of the hordes of people yet to come. Science knows no way to increase our food supply dramatically. In fact, many things we are doing now actually are going to decrease it.

Can't we pump the water from the Mississippi and other rivers into desert areas and irrigate them to produce new food sources?

With the possible exception of some areas in Siberia where it is very difficult, almost all the land that can be economically farmed is already under cultivation. Now with tremendous effort, if we cut our standard of living in half and used that money to pump water into and irrigate a desert farm Nevada and Utah, we might conceivably grow enough more food to feed the world's population increase for one year. After ten or twenty years of fantastic effort, the people in this country might be able to grow enough food to feed the world's population increase — not the population of the world, but the increase.

But this would not be adequate, I take it?

Obviously not. If we produced food for three years' increase but took twenty years to do it, we would be falling behind all the time. Every three years a population equivalent to another United States is going to be added to a world where most people are really not well fed now.

But why even talk about feeding an increased population when we can't feed the population we have today? We would have to double our food production just to give everybody in the world a diet that resembled an American diet. We would have to double the world's food production — not United States food production, but the world's food production. So to talk about trying to keep up with a world population growing that rapidly is just nonsense.

What about harvesting the sea? If we stopped immediately all the things that are polluting the sea — the tremendous flood of pesticides, sewage, and other pollutants coming out of our rivers into the sea and turning it into a biological desert — and if we had perfect international cooperation — so that all the countries would stop trying to grab all they can in the race to overfish the sea — then it is conceivable we could more than double our protein yield from the sea. If we had absolutely perfect conditions, and if all people turned into saints and just took their share, then we might manage to feed a small increase in human population.

But even if we doubled our take out of the sea and kept our population stable, that still wouldn't be enough to give everyone a diet like Americans have. In other words, even under ideal conditions, the sea couldn't feed the world. And of course we don't have ideal conditions. In fact, at the moment, the kind of exploitation and pollution that we have makes most biologists feel that we are going to get less food out of the sea in the future rather than more. There is no hope from the sea.

What about creating synthetic foods?

I spent last night talking to an organic chemist about this very problem. There is no sign that in the next ten, twenty, or thirty years we can do anything substantial with synthetic foods. Even if we did the scientific work necessary to find out exactly how to produce synthetic foods, we would still have serious energy and material limitations on how much we could produce, and we would have serious problems of persuading people to eat what we did produce. But in the time we have available we have no hope whatsoever for solving this problem with synthetic foods.

What would you say then, doctor, is the best solution?

The birth rate is fantastically higher than the death rate. Since we have artificially lowered the death rate through our death-control programs — exporting Western medicine to undeveloped countries and so on — one of two things will happen: Either we will find the way to bring the birth rate way down to match the death rate, or the death rate will automatically go back up through famine or plague or thermonuclear war.

Unless we get on the job immediately with fantastic programs to bring down the birth rate, then we know that the death rate is going to go up. But I see no sign of any realistic program to bring the birth rate down, so I think we are going to have a dramatic rise in the death rate, or perhaps a final rise in the death rate.

Why can't the birth rate be brought down?

It could — if there was a tremendous worldwide effort to change people's attitudes and to make available to people a means of limiting their families not just to a level of the number of children that they can rear personally to be healthy happy adults but also according to the level of the number of children that will produce a population which the society can support.

This is primarily a matter of changing human attitudes. India, for instance, since 1951 has had a program to bring the population under control. When the work program started, the population was about 330,000,000. After seventeen years of the birth-control program the population now stands at 540,000,000. Even when Indians limit the size of their families to the number of children they want, they want too many children. They want on the average of four and a half children per family. That's too many for their country to support. We either have to bring the human population into balance with the very limited resources of our planet or we've lost the battle. And I don't think we're going to do it.

How long can the world last at the present rate of population growth?

Estimates vary between 1975 and 1984 as the time the end will come. These are based on the point where the population growth exceeds the production.

If we should have very good growing years, if we should have tremendous success with our attempts to distribute new high-yield wheat and rice varieties, the end could be pushed back to 1985 or 1990. On the other hand, if insects plague the high-yield varieties and the weather turns out to be bad, we could experience absolutely massive famines early in the 1970's. It's anybody's guess.

The essential thing to realize is that food production cannot keep up with the kind of population growth we are seeing now. Sometime in the very near future we are going to have massive famines. Tied in with these might easily be worldwide plagues. Viruses will circulate in large weakened populations with rapid transportation to carry them all over the world. We might even have viruses get away from our biological warfare labs where scientists can now build germs against which there would be no resistance. If China pushes out harder against Russia and India and if South America goes Communist, we could have a thermonuclear war that would bring instant population control.

Do you foresee massive famines and perhaps thermonuclear war as inevitable?

I think a rise in the death rate is inevitable. How far it will go is a tough guess to make, but I'm afraid I tend to be very pessimistic.

How would you foresee the world coming to an end?

Besides killing tremendous numbers of people, a thermonuclear war would add enormously to the environmental deterioration already going on. Thermonuclear blasts would put tremendous amounts of radioactive debris into the air. This action would change the climate. Massive fire storms would tend to deplete the oxygen supply in the atmosphere and put more debris into the air. Air pollution would sterilize the soil, which would erode into the sea, tending to kill off life in the ocean. Even if the bomb blasts and their immediate radiation didn't kill every individual, the longer-term results of thermonuclear war could very easily put an end to our species.

In your book you also outline other ways the planet is deteriorating: pollution of the ocean, pollution of the rivers and lakes (the death of Lake Erie, for example), pollution of the atmosphere, ransacking of the land. It seems the world is deteriorating at a rapid rate.

That's exactly right. We are now at the stage where, if we have any hope of saving mankind and the world, we have to take immediate and drastic action on all kinds of fronts. We have got to start doing all the right things at this moment just to give ourselves



ADULT TRAINING UNION members work on constitution and by-laws for First Church, Leakesville.

1st, Leakesville, To Observe 64th Anniversary On June 1

Leakesville, First Church will observe Sunday, June 1, as the 64th anniversary of the church. Highlights of the day include a survey of important facts from the past as discovered by the History Committee and a display of pictures and other historical materials. The only living charter member of the church, Mrs. Robert Churchwell, hopes to be present. Names of those who have died within the past year will be called and a moment of silence will commemorate their Christian influence. The pastor, Dr. Wesley Ellis, has designated this day also as "Day of Appreciation and Dedication" and will call the names of those from the present and the past who have been nominated by the membership for recognition for faithful service. During the first four Sundays of June, beginning with the anniversary, he will preach a series of messages based on the Church Covenant.

Church Anniversary Sunday at Leakesville is the result of the Church Development Ministry in which the church is engaged this year. One of the projects has been to have a History Committee to investigate the history of the church, and another is to have church anniversary observances. Several months ago the membership voted to celebrate the anniversary on the first Sunday of June each year and to have a homecoming event each fifth year, beginning in 1970. At that time a history of the church will be published. Serving on the History Committee are Mrs. W. C. Churchwell, chairman; Mrs. M. F. Hicks; Mrs. W. J. Turner; Mrs. James Dietz; and Mrs. T. C. Rounsaville.

Also on this Sunday the Adult Training Union will submit to the congregation a proposed Constitution and By-laws for the church. This is another project of the Church Development Ministry. Fred Height, Adult Training

Union Director, states that the membership will be asked to vote on the proposed document later in June.

Of the eighteen Church Development projects approved by the church last fall, more than half have been completed. Former members and friends of the Leakesville, First Church are invited to the 64th Anniversary Observance June 1. Those who have pictures or other historical materials relating to the church are asked to send them to Box 526, Leakesville, Miss. 39451.

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HMB Fears Tax Reform

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ty gifts in any expanded income base."

The Board approved proposed tax changes "which would increase the ceiling on deductible gifts to 50% on adjusted gross income."

The joint statement by the U. S. Catholic conference and the National Council of Churches marked the first time that Protestant and Catholic councils had joined forces on the tax-reform issue. It was issued after intensive consideration of the relation of churches to public tax policies.

In addition to the joint statement, the National Council of Churches issued a "policy statement" of its own on "tax exemption of churches."

The National Council pointed out that the New Testament enjoined Christians to pay taxes, but that it "does not deal directly with taxation of Christians in their corporate activities."

On the other hand, the council's statement continued that the New Testament "recognition of government's right to tax has implications for the Church as a corporate structure in the modern world." It exploded nine areas of relationships between the churches and tax policies.

The National Council affirmed that "churches should ask of government for themselves no more than freedom and equality." The churches should insist on tax justice, equality and fairness for all, it said.

Ask For Freedom But for themselves and their

churches, "Christians ask no more from government than freedom to proclaim and bear witness to the gospel: to preach, to publish, to worship and to serve in obedience to the will of God as it is made known to them," the policy statement continued.

While it may be proper for government to encourage voluntary organizations through tax exemption, the National Council said, this may entail conditions which Christians cannot accept. Such conditions may take the form of required loyalty oaths or restraints upon political activity.

In such cases, the National Council said that Christians may dispute the conditions, or that "churches may want to set up non-exempt agencies for political activity, using contributions that are not deductible."

The National Council statement said that "churches should be willing to pay their just share of the cost of municipal services which they receive, such as fire, police and sanitation services." It made a special point that both churches and employees of religious organizations, "Should not enjoy any special privilege in regard to any type of taxation."

Both the U. S. Catholic Conference and the National Council agreed that the disclosure of income for the churches should be on a voluntary basis and not as a result of government compulsion. Both agreed that the law should require that income on unrelated business be reported.

Men's Conference To Be At Gentilly Church

NEW ORLEANS (Special) — The Mayor of Mobile, a missionary recently freed from prison in Cuba, and a pastor of one of the nations largest churches will speak June 9 at a Baptist Men's Conference at Gentilly Church in New Orleans.

Sponsored by the SBC Brotherhood Commission, the conference is a side-light of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a supper in the gymnasium of the church. About 800 men are expected to attend.

The Mayor of Mobile is Lambert C. Mims, a member of Mobile's River-



Mims



Allen

Protests Against Vatican Envoy Deluge White House

ing the President not to appoint an ambassador or a personal representative to the Vatican have deluged the White House staff.

The issue has stirred more response from the U. S. citizenry in all quarters than any other in the first month of the Nixon administration.

The response is enough for the President to halt further consideration of the move, sources said. Mr. Nixon has been under pressure from the Vatican to restore the relations which ended nearly twenty years ago in 1950. Some believe President Nixon was looking for the stacks of mail to show the American Roman Catholic clergy why he, like President Truman, would have to drop the matter. — (EP News Service)

Hebron Memorial Day

Hebron Church, Clay County, will have annual Memorial Day services on Sunday, June 1. Rev. James E. Duke, pastor, announces that the morning worship service will begin at 10:30; dinner will be served on the grounds at 11:30; and a program of special music will begin at 1 p.m.

Antioch Homecoming

Annual homecoming will be held at Antioch Church, Simpson County, June 1. All former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend.

Bowlin Homecoming

The annual homecoming at Bowlin Church, Attala County, will be on June 8, with the worship service at 11:00 a. m. Rev. J. Elvin Reeves, native of Mississippi, now pastor of North Street Church, Brunswick, Ga., will bring the morning message. Mr. Reeves is the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Reeves, Rankin County. His father is pastor of Paul Truitt Memorial Church, Rankin County.

Rev. Eugene Wigley, a student at Mississippi College, whose parents are deceased, will bring the afternoon message 1:30 p. m. Dinner will be served on the church grounds at noon. The public, and especially those who have been members of the church, are invited.

a medical mission breakfast at New Orleans Southern Baptist Hospital cafeteria, 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 10 in New Orleans.

900 Expected At SBC From State

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morning at 10:30 with adjournment set for Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. Donald Winters, head of the Music Department at Wm. Carey College, is president of this group and will call the meeting to order and deliver the president's address. The singing of the hymn "O Mississippi, under direction of Dan C. Hall, director of the Church-Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, will give a concert Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Josephine D'Arpa, of the faculty of Carey College will render a solo.

A Baptist men's conference, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, will be held Monday night at 6:30 at Gentilly Baptist Church.

Missionary In Japan Has First Baptisms

Southern Baptist Missionary George H. Watanabe, who has served for the past six months as interim pastor of the Rokko Baptist Church, Kobe, Japan reports the first two baptisms of his Japanese ministry.

A college co-ed and a housewife were baptized on Easter Sunday, he writes. As expressions of gratitude, the husband and family of the housewife gave their piano to the church, and the family of the college student gave the bench from their own new baby grand piano. (The church, which had been using an old pump organ, had just initiated a piano fund.)

TO SING IN STATE

The Kurt Kaiser Singers "Tell It Like It Is"

WACO — The Kurt Kaiser Singers, a 48-voice choir of Baylor University singers, will begin an 11-day tour May 31st that will take them through four states.

Highlighting the tour are the choir's 10 scheduled performances of "Tell It Like It Is," a folk musical about God. Kurt Kaiser, the choir director, collaborated with renowned composer Ralph Carmichael of Los Angeles, Calif., in writing the musical.

On June 5 they will enter Mississippi for a four-day visit, beginning with a performance that evening in the Mississippi College Auditorium in Clinton. That performance will be sponsored by the Mississippi College BSU and First Church, Clinton.

The singers will be in Biloxi area three days, performing "Tell It Like It Is" Friday (June 6) evening in Chapel One at Keesler Air Base and Saturday (June 7) evening, after an afternoon beach party, in the Gulfport High School Auditorium in a performance sponsored by the Biloxi Ministerial Alliance.

They will present special music for the morning worship service of First

Church, Gulfport Sunday (June 8) and then return to Louisiana for an evening performance of "Tell It Like It Is" in the First Baptist Church of Poyune.

They will be in New Orleans Mon-

day and Tuesday (June 9 and 10) for the final stop of their tour before returning to Waco. They will perform portions of "Tell It Like It Is" for the Church Music Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention.



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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Dr. Howard E. Spell

The twenty-two year tenure of Dr. Howard E. Spell as dean of Mississippi College, has come to an end. While he will continue to teach in the Bible department of the institution, adding even more years to the one-third of a century he has been there, Dr. Spell is relinquishing the administrative duties to other hands.

This outstanding professor and administrator, not only has served with four presidents and many faculty members, and ministered to the more than 7,000 students whose diplomas he has signed, as well as many other students, but also has rendered inestimable service to Mississippi Baptists and Southern Baptists.

The dean of an institution has much to do with its academic stature and structure. At Mississippi College, Dr. Spell has helped keep the institution's ministry and programs true to the

purpose set for it by Mississippi Baptists.

The college has maintained the Biblical foundation so necessary to Christian institutions.

At the same time it has achieved academic excellence, which has brought it recognition and high standing in the educational world.

Mississippi College is an institution where parents can send their sons and daughters with the assurance that, insofar as the institution could do it, she would send them back trained in mind, stronger in their faith in God, and prepared for a place of service in the community and the world.

Dr. Spell has played a large part in making and keeping Mississippi College this kind of an institution.

We salute him for the years of service he has given as dean.

We rejoice that he will continue to give more years to the teaching ministry.

War On The Churches

A great deal of publicity has been given in recent days to the activities of James Forman and his demands on the "churches" to give \$500 million to the Blacks as "reparations." Just what are this Black leader and his group up to? The answer is made very clear in the current issue of *Christianity Today* (May 23) when you read this report you will be both startled, and amazed, but perhaps it will help you understand what the churches are facing. Of course, these demands are self-defeating, and will not be met, but they show the thinking of Godless radicals of our day. It is Socialist Communism, pure and simple. There are some who wonder if Forman may not show up at the SBC in New Orleans.

We can be thankful that this attitude represents only a small minority of the Negro people. There are millions of them who, as Christians, though desirous of justice and all of their rights as citizens, will have no part in such movements as this.

The article in full, is as follows:

'Black Manifesto'

Declares War On Churches

A small group of anti-American black revolutionaries began a campaign of open persecution this month against white churches and synagogues. In a 2,500-word "Black Manifesto" they vowed church seizures, disruptions, and demonstrations and demanded half a billion dollars in "reparations" from the American Christian-Jewish community.

"To win our demands we will have to declare war on the white Christian churches and synagogues and this means we may have to fight the total government structure of this country," the manifesto said.

The initial confrontation came May 4 when James Forman, reputed author of the manifesto, stopped a Sunday-morning worship service at New York's fashionable Riverside Church. Forman stood in the altar area after the opening hymn and began to read a series of demands. The Rev. Ernest T. Campbell led the choir out, and the service never did resume.

The same day, the manifesto's demands were read during a similar disruption by blacks at the First United Presbyterian Church of San Francisco.

Two days earlier, Forman had appeared before the General Board of the National Council of Churches to air the manifesto. The board had expressed its thanks to Forman and agreed to send the document to its constituent denominations for "study." The NCC General Secretary was instructed to submit relevant recommendations to a June 23 meeting of the council's executive committee, which was given special broad powers to act.

The "Black Manifesto" came out of a "National Black Economic Development Conference" held on the Detroit campus of Wayne State University April 25-28. The conference, which drew

about 600, was co-sponsored by a number of agencies, including some from the NCC, the Episcopal Church, and the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization. A United Presbyterian Office of Information employee was in charge of the press room, from which all white reporters were barred.

Forman's manifesto was adopted by a vote of 187-63. In an introduction, he called the United States "the most barbaric country in the world," adding flatly that "we have a chance to help bring this government down."

Forman has been the director of international affairs for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee in Atlanta. His introduction also declared that "our fight is against racism, capitalism and imperialism and we are dedicated to building a socialist society inside the United States where the total means of production and distribution are in the hands of the state. . . . We work the chief industries in this country and we could cripple the economy while the brothers fought guerrilla warfare in the streets."

The manifesto confined itself to overturning churches. The \$500 million to be gleaned from the churches has already been budgeted: \$200,000,000 for a Southern land bank to establish cooperative farms; \$10,000,000 each to set up publishing industries in Detroit, Atlanta, Los Angeles, and New York; \$10,000,000 each to "audio-visual networks" in Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland, and Washington, D. C.; \$30,000,000 for a black research skills center; \$10,000,000 for a communications training center; \$10,000,000 for the already existing National Welfare Rights Organization, a lobby for welfare recipients; \$20,000,000 for a black labor strike fund; \$20,000,000 for an International Black Appeal to produce more capital; and \$130,000,000 for a black university.

The money is demanded as "only a beginning of the reparations due us as people who have been exploited and degraded, brutalized, killed, and persecuted." To extract the funds the manifesto calls for "total disruption of selected church sponsored agencies. . . . Black workers black women, black students and the black unemployed are encouraged to seize the offices, telephones, and printing apparatus of all church-sponsored agencies and to hold these in trusteeship until our demands are met."

"On May 4, 1969, or a date thereafter, depending on local conditions, we call upon black people to commence the disruption of the racist churches and synagogues throughout the United States."

The manifesto concluded: "Our objective in issuing this manifesto is to force the racist white Christian church to begin the payment of reparations which are due to all black people, not only by the church but also by private business and the U. S. government. We see this focus on the Christian church as an effort around which all black people can unite. Our demands are negotiable, but they cannot be minimized."

Two Episcopal bishops met newsmen in New York after issuance of the demands. They said they agreed that their denomination and others were racist, and

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I THE BAPTIST FORUM I

Opposes Change In SBC Program

Dear Editor:

Concerning the recommendation of the SBC Executive Committee to the New Orleans SBC that the 1970 SBC begin on a Monday, may I offer the opinion that such a move will not fill the meeting place of the 1970 convention through the final session.

Some of the sessions of the annual convention are always well attended. To be specific: the annual sermon on president's address, election of officers, Foreign Mission night, Home Mission night and at sessions when a controversy may arise.

Annual reports of the Boards, Institutions and Commissions are necessary, but they never have and never will crowd the convention. By their very nature these reports offer little inspiration or enthusiasm.

Many Baptists have attended State conventions and evangelistic conferences. If these meetings continue as much as four days, a noticeable drop in attendance is evident during reports and in the last part of the convention unless a controversy develops.

Let us not destroy the Pastors' Conference which has proved its worth by its appeal to large numbers of pastors and other across the years. To eliminate this conference will not make the business reports at the convention more interesting or appealing to the messengers.

—Bruce H. Price
Newport News, Virginia

Questions Editor's Position

Dear Editor:

We have read, re-read, and then read again your editorial of May 1, 1969, "ARE THE CHICKENS COMING HOME TO ROOST?" I have been a member of the Baptist church for many years and feel able to make a few comments.

Personally, I agree with your statements. Your article is well-written and shows much thought. The evils that you mentioned are, we think, very real and the causes that you gave, so far as you went, are in our opinion correct.

Just here I will say that in my opinion, the ecclesiastical mind, whether it be Hebrew, Greek, Catholic or Protestant, is in much the same life. The teaching and practices of Solomon rose to curse his kingdom. The teachings of Catholicism caused every nation subscribing to same to suffer dry rot, Spain and Italy for two examples. There are others, and had it not been for the leadership of England's notorious Henry VIII, she would have gone the same way.

In your editorial you failed to mention that only a few years ago The United Churches, in solemn assembly in City of Pittsburgh, led by many great Divines, supported by a multitude of Do-Gooders and Sob Sisters, advised the youth of this land "TO IGNORE ALL BAD LAWS, OBEY ONLY GOOD LAWS," with little criterion by which to judge laws as good

that the demands for money were just. "You're not wrong in asking," said the Right Rev. J. Brooke Mosley, "you're asking the wrong people."

At the headquarters of the Lutheran Church in America in New York, Forman posted the demands on the front door. He said he did so "in the spirit of Martin Luther."

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or bad except the whim of the doer.

These same ecclesiastics and sob sisters now moan and sigh, and all society suffers because of the rise in crime rate. The chief sufferers are the youth, who, following the advice of parties above mentioned, have developed, and are still developing, a general disregard of all laws. The second party in suffering is the general disrespect for our churches and church leaders.

We note in your editorial you were very careful NOT TO COME OUT FOR OBEDIENCE TO THE LAW.

The pitiful part of the situation is: every person who reads your article will be long dead before the evils following advice to "OBEY ONLY GOOD LAWS: IGNORE BAD LAWS" is erased from the minds of the young. The damage to the influence of supposed Christian leaders has been done. We certainly do not intend to be in any way disrespectful to our churches and the Christian religion, but I do deplore the advice given to our people by ministers, church leaders, do-gooders and sob sisters, and fully realize that conditions will get worse before they get better.

Personally, if you subscribe to the doctrine, "OBEY GOOD LAWS: IGNORE BAD LAWS," this is your privilege. I hope that I have never criticized any man's belief. If you believe in "OBEDIENCE TO LAW BECAUSE IT IS LAW" you have not said so, that we have ever heard.

Hoping for a future that does not look good, I am,
R. W. Boydston, Sr.
P. O. Box 560
Louisville, Miss.

(Never in my life have I ever intimated that we should "obey good laws; ignore bad laws," for I do not believe that, except in cases where the law denied my right to worship God. Then I would have to obey God rather than man." My editorial was on the results of atheistic teaching, not on lawlessness. — ED.)

Are We Dying?

Dear Dr. Odle:

An article appeared in the May 8, 1969, issue of the Baptist Record entitled "We Are Dying" by William A. Carleton. The author revealed that this belief concerning Southern Baptists "can easily be demonstrated as utterly false!" by the statistics of numerical growth presented in the World Almanac. By the same method, some religious groups that we Southern Baptists reject could prove to be more alive today than we are.

The author had some appropriate poetry to represent the thinking of those who say we are dying. As I interpret his thinking, the following poetry represents his view:

"We are living, we are living,
See the statistics on our side,
World Almanac supports rejoicing,
Numbering Baptists on the rise."

Aside from the World Almanac as a proof text, is there Scripture that supports relying upon numbers and statistics as evidence of having life? The author's method of attempting to prove that Southern Baptists are not dying could prove just the opposite of his good intentions. If numbers are the only evidence that we are not dying, are we already dead?

The Scriptural evidence for life is in the Spirit of God. Judging by this criteria, we can see signs of dying and death about us. We can also discover some valid causes for rejoicing. Christians can be found today in churches, colleges, stores — almost everywhere — who do represent the handiwork of God in Christ. These saints, obviously born of God, give us cause for optimism and cheer. (I regret that I cannot state the number of them, but the Lord knows.) There are Southern Baptists who are living. A little poetry about this could be:



Quiet Talks ON RELIGION IN LIFE

CHESTER E. SWOR

Here is a news bit concerning a man who died in an Eastern prison hospital after more than 40 years of imprisonment, but who, in those years, never received a visitor or a letter. The obituary reports tersely and graphically that he died without relatives or friends.

There are other news items which tell of the hunger of the hearts of lonely people. A lonely man was picked up by a couple who shared their picnic trip with him. They knew him only casually and surmised that he was without funds and family. Later, to their amazement, he made them recipients of a large legacy, mentioning the good deed in which they had alleviated his loneliness.

A suicide left a note, saying that life had become unbearably lonely without friends. A magazine article catalogued types of lonely people, urging church members to share a bit of time with these lonely people.

Lonely Ones
They constitute quite a brigade, these lonely ones, and they are not all old people!

Your city has its quota of them, as does mine: parents who have lost children by death or by departure from home, wives or husbands who have lost companions in death, new folks just moved from distant points, young people who have come from little places to study or work in the city, girls whose lovers have gone overseas, dormitory students, so homesick they could die.

Come to think of it, there may be some lonely ones in your block, or on the bus which you ride daily, or in the place in which you work.

The New Testament's James 1:27

indicates that a part of the pattern of true religion involves visiting "the fatherless and widows in their affliction."

From the beginning of the human race, the answer to the question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" has been a resounding "Yes." Therefore, there is evidently something which you and I can do to dispel some of the ache of loneliness about us.

Smiles of friendship, cordial words of conversation, appropriate inquiries concerning health and happiness, gentleness, kindness, and courtesy of manner can bring sunrise to lonely people whom we meet in passing.

Shut-ins Day

But there are many lonely people whom we do not meet in passing: they are housebound, bedbound, grief-stricken, or restricted by other factors which leave them hungry for even brief times of companionship, and they need to be sought out by folks like you and me.

The late Clarence Power of Marietta, Georgia, himself housebound for many years, urged the first Sunday in June as "International Shut-ins Day." That Sunday is quite near. Why not star it for several visits to lonely people; and, having caught the glow of happiness which your visits bring, why not have many repetitions of that day in your yearly calendar?

It just could be that you will need such visits some day, and the investments you have made in serenading lonely hearts will pay priceless dividends in your times of loneliness.

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NEWEST BOOKS

MAN AT THE TOP by Richard Wolff (Tyndale House, 131 pp., \$3.95)

The author explores the subject of creative leadership, using both biblical and secular history for a sound foundation for his study. He outlines various styles of leadership and the necessary characteristics of a leader.

FAREWELL TO THE LONELY by Dr. Drakeford, professor at Southwestern Seminary, analyzes several small group attempts to deal with some of modern society's illnesses—mob violence, drug addiction, delinquency, and others. He has investigated seven groups in detail: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), for overweight housewives; RECOVERY INCORPORATED, for ex-mental patients; YOKEFELLOWS, a religious fellowship; ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS; SEVEN STEPPERS, for ex-convicts; DAYTOP LODGE AND SYNANON, combating drug addiction; and INTEGRITY THERAPY self-help for neurotic or psychotic individuals, applied to marriage counseling.

HOW TO CHANGE YOUR WORLD IN 12 WEEKS by Arthur DeMoss and David Enlow (Fleming H. Revell, 128 pp., \$3.50)
The principles of success and happiness outlined here have been developed and practiced by many of America's distinguished business and professional men, such as Paul Harvey, R. G. LeTourneau, and J. C. Penney. Both authors have been active on Christian Business Men's Committee. Mr. DeMoss is president of the National Liberty Life Insurance Company, Valley Forge, Pa., and Mr. Enlow is associate editor of *The Alliance Weekly*.

ONE WORLD, ONE LORD, ONE WITNESS edited by C. E. Bryant (Word Books, 167 pp.)
Official report of the Seventh Baptist Youth World Conference held in Bern, Switzerland, July 22-28, 1968. This book, illustrated with photographs, contains the messages delivered at the youth congress.

SO WHO'S AFRAID OF BIRTH-DAYS by Anna B. Mow (J. B. Lippincott, 128 pp., \$3.95)
"For those over sixty, and those who expect to be," Dr. Mow, a former missionary to India, writes about the problems that beset so many as they grow older: loneliness, illness, feelings of uselessness and self pity. She shows how it is ever possible to begin anew, how the years following retirement provide new opportunities for spiritual growth. And she gives practical pointers on what to do with one's self without merely killing time.

THE BAPTIST RECORD by Joe T. Odle, Editor; Joe Abrams, Associate Editor; Anne McWilliams, Editorial Associate; William H. Sellers, Bus. Manager

LIVING WISELY by J. Allen Blair (Loizeaux Brothers, 381 pp., \$4.50)

A devotional study of the First Epistle to the Corinthians. The author points out that Paul's admonitions in First Corinthians provide answers for today as pertinent as they were nineteen centuries ago.

THE LIBERTY OF OBEDIENCE by Elizabeth Elliott (Word Books, 225 pp., \$3.95)

"This is a book about maturity, and about the strange chains which bind any Christian, and prevent his achieving maturity as a person. There seems to be a cross road — a sort of turning point — when the Christian may decide to play it safe and remain subservience to manmade custom, or when he may decide to trust God fully. . . ." says Miss Elliott, the well-known missionary to the Aucas Indians of South America.

Calendar Of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

June 2 — J. Clifford Watson, staff, Clarke College; Mrs. Tom Moore, Baptist student director, Miss. State College for Women.

June 3 — Lucille Robertson, faculty, Gilfoy School of Nursing; Mrs. Hazel Newman, faculty, Mississippi College.

June 4 — Catherine Irvin, staff, Children's Village; Richard Pass, supt. of missions, Adams Union.

June 5 — Mrs. Kathleen Arrington, Wm. Carey faculty; Mrs. E. A. Conner, faculty, Blue Mountain College.

June 6 — Mrs. Esteen Quinn, Jack Roberts, W. R. Roberts, Edwina Robinson, Baptist Building employees.

June 7 — Genevieve Walker, Baptist Book Store; Macklyn Hubbell, Christian Action Commission.

June 8 — A. L. Rainey, Jr., trustee, Children's Village; Perry Claxton, Education Commission.

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East Moss Point Church Burns Note

EAST MOSS POINT CHURCH became debt-free Sunday, April 13. The church had borrowed money to build an educational unit in 1961, and in eight years has paid off the debt. Also included in this at a later day were the building of a parsonage, remodeling and moving of the minister of music's house, and some remodeling to the church building. The McClellan Road mission debt is the responsibility of the East Moss Point Church and \$18,000 is owed on this. The church is mapping the future with a Long Range Committee. Left to right: W. O. Carpenter, who led prayer of dedication; Gene Stauter, chairman of deacons; William Spruell, chairman of trustees; Rev. Paul H. Leber, pastor.



Kolola Springs Breaks Ground For Annex

GROUND-BREAKING for a new \$25,000 Sunday school annex, and a renovation of the old sanctuary, was recently held by Kolola Springs Church, Lowndes County. Pictured is the building committee, from left: Wayne Studdard, Bill Griffin, Rev. James Garner, pastor, Elzie Murphy, chairman. Not shown are G. D. Holliman and A. D. Holliman. The new annex will have three classrooms, restrooms, fellowship hall, kitchen and nursery. The renovation of the sanctuary will consist of a new choir and pulpit platform, a new baptistry, central heating and cooling, pastor's study, and an enlargement of the present sanctuary.



The First Baptist Church of Mendenhall was twenty-second in the state in per capita giving to missions through the Cooperative Program last year. Rev. James E. Smith, pastor, says that the church has used the Forward Program each year for about eight years. The first stewardship emphasis was in 1953 during Rev. N. F. Davis' first pastorate there. Rev. Bob Odewald continued the use of the Forward Program during his ministry at Mendenhall.

The church gives 25% of its budget through the Cooperative Program each year. An additional \$2,000 per year goes to the support of missionary Ralph Davis and his family. Continuing support is given to the B. S. U. program at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College.

A Mission Revival was conducted last year by Rev. Archie Jones, missionary to Peru. A \$280,000 building program has been completed without cutting back on mission giving.

The Simpson Association used the Stewardship Development Program for a Baptist Association and First Church derived a blessing through its laymen who visited the churches in the interest of Associational Missions and the Cooperative Program.



Vancleave To Add Sunday School Rooms

VANCELEAVE CHURCH, Jackson Association, broke ground for eight new Sunday school rooms, on Mother's Day following a message-by-associational superintendent of missions, Rev. Zeno Wells. Pictured turning the dirt are Mrs. Howard (Sabra) Davis, the oldest mother in the worship service, and Mrs. Manley (Wanda) Barton, whose husband is in the armed services. Mrs. Barton was the youngest mother, nineteen. Immediately behind these two is Mrs. Laverne Holder, who had the most children in the worship service. Tommy Tootle read selected Scripture passages and Palma Murphy, chairman of the Building Committee, led in the dedicatory prayer. The church asks the prayers of Mississippi Baptists as it seeks to win and enlist nearly three hundred prospects in the community whose preference is the Vancleave Church. Rev. Ralph H. Scott is pastor.



DR. EUGENE PATTERSON (center) Professor of Evangelism at New Orleans Seminary, proudly poses with two seminary students, both named Eugene for Dr. Patterson. The parents of Eugene Steele (left) and Eugene Steele have been friends of the Pattersons for several years.

Twenty Mississippians Graduate At New Orleans

Twenty Mississippians, or former Mississippians, received degrees in commencement exercises Tuesday, May 20, at New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans, La.

William E. Raley: Master of Theology; son of Mr. and Mrs. William Raley of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; B. A. from William Carey College; married to Martha Jean Butler of Birmingham, Alabama.

Ray R. McHenry: Master of Theology; son of Mrs. Edna Ford Quitman; B. A. from Mississippi College; wife is former Barbara Jane Mayo of Hattiesburg.

Allen H. Stephens: Master of Theology, Honors Program; son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stephens of Jackson; B. A. from Mississippi College; wife is former Omega Tullios of Jackson; he is pastor of Braxton Church.

Robert Earl Self: Master of Theology, Honors Program; son of Mr. and Mrs. George Self of Tchula; B. A. degree from Mississippi College; wife is former Nancy Clower of Forest.

Richard Delton Boggan: Master of Theology, Honors Program; son of Rev. and Mrs. Wilson W. Boggan of Waynesboro; holds B.A. from Baylor University; wife is former Judith Ann Logan of Dallas.

Travis R. Kimbrell: Master of Theology; son of Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Kimbrell of Bowling Green, Fla.; holds B.A. degree from Mississippi College; is married to former Josie Lee Andrews of Jacksonville, Fla.

Ira George Smith: Master of Theology; son of Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Smith of Philadelphia; graduate of Mississippi College; married to former Miriam Smith of Union, a graduate of Gilroy School of Nursing.

James Doyle Cummings: Master of Theology, Honors Program; son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Cummings of Eupora; B. A. from Mississippi State University; wife is former Vivian Morrow of Eupora; he is pastor of Philadelphia Church, Wesson.

Jerry Eugene Oswalt: Doctor of Theology degree; pastor of Durant Chapel Church, Bay Minette, Ala.; a native of Starkville; B.A. degree from Mississippi State University and Bachelor of Divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary; wife is former Shervie Hornsby of Montgomery, Ala.

Thomas Jefferson Ballard: Doctor of theology degree; on faculty of Gardner-Webb College, Boiling

Spings, N. C.; a native of Marks; the son of Mrs. I. H. Ballard of Minden, La.; holds B. A. degree from Mississippi College; and Bachelor of Divinity degree from Midwestern Seminary; wife is former Mary Louise Smith of Inverness.

Basil H. Wicker, Jr.: Master of Religious Education degree; son of Mr. and Mrs. Basil H. Wicker of Smithdale; holds B. A. from William Carey College; wife is former Linda Nunnelly of McComb.

Bevin Wayne Long: Master of Theology; son of Mr. and Mrs. Bevin Austin Long of West Point; holds B.A. from Miss. State University; is pastor of Bethesda Church, Crawford.

Donald C. O'Quin: Master of Theology; son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleon W. O'Quin of Jayess; B.A. degree from Howard College; married to former Linda Sigmon of Birmingham.

George Edward Meadows: Master of Theology; son of Mrs. Ruby Meadows of Sanatorium; graduate of Mississippi College; wife is former Betty Sue Thompson of Magee.

Kenneth W. West: Master of Theology, Honors Program; son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Sanders of Gunnison; B. A. from Delta State College; wife is former Jeannie Ruth Behm of Logansport, La., who is a student in the School of Religious Education.

Fred W. Chancellor: Master of Theology; son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chancellor, of Meridian; B. A. degree from William Carey College; married to former Carol Martin.

Charles Bendon Ginn: received Master of Theology; son of Mr. and Mrs. Sedgie R. Ginn of Tylertown; B. A. from William Carey College; is married to former Dorothy Moore Sumral, of Greenville; is pastor of Enon Church, Jayess.

Robert William Trotter: Master of Religious Education degree; son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Trotter of Bolton; B.A. from Mississippi College; B.D. degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; wife is former Martha Ann Pope of Aberdeen.

Barbara Ann Scaffel: Master of Religious Education degree; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Scaffel of Jackson; B. S. degree from Mississippi College.

Glenda Ann Anderson: Master of Religious Education degree; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Anderson of Sison; native of Itta Bena; B. A. degree from Mississippi College.



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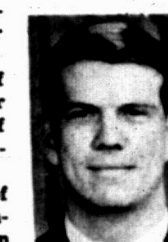
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Historic Sites In The Life Of Mississippi Baptists

By R. A. McLemore
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Baptist Historical
Commission

Thirteen sites have been marked by the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission that have a direct relationship to the history of Mississippi Baptists. They are:

Clear Creek Baptist Church, Adams County. Here, December 24, 1836, Mississippi Baptist Convention was reorganized under President Ashley Vaughn of Natchez, which contained 122 churches, 56 clergy, and 4,287 members. The marker is located on highway 61, entering the town of Washington from the east.

Farmington Baptist Church, Alcorn county. This church was organized before 1848. Here, in 1853, M. P. Lowrey was ordained and, in 1885, John Allen was dubbed "Private." The town was destroyed during the Civil

War and abandoned because the railroad bypassed it.

Providence Baptist Church, Covington county. This church was organized on October 3, 1818. Her first pastor was Norvell Robertson who was a Revolutionary soldier. Eight charter members were of Granberry, Robertson, and Lee families. The marker is located on U. S. 49, 1/4 mile north of Forrest-Covington county line.

Mississippi College, Hinds county. This college was founded in 1826 and is the oldest of Mississippi senior colleges. It is under Baptist control and was the first coeducational college to grant a degree to a woman. It is famed for producing many a leader in church and state. The marker is located on Old U.S. 80 west, at the entrance to Mississippi College.

Salem Church (Cole's Creek), Jefferson county. The first Baptist Church in Mississippi. It was organized in 1791 in the home of Margaret Stampley, with Richard Curtis, of South Carolina, as pastor. Here in 1806 the first Mississippi Baptist association was formed. The marker is located on U. S. 61 south, five miles west of Fayette, where the road leads off south to Stampley.

Bethany Baptist Church, Jeff-Davis County. This is the oldest Baptist church in Jefferson Davis county, organized in 1818. Its first pastor was Norvell Robertson, who served for 40 years. The marker is located at the church site on Mississippi 13, two miles south of Prentiss, Miss.

Big Creek Baptist Church, Jones County. This is the oldest landmark church in the county being organized in the 1820's. At the breakup of the Ebenezer Association, it led in organizing Big Creek Missionary Baptist Association. The Dykes, Hilbun, Hill,

Jefcoat, Knight, Shows, Sumrall, Tod, and Wade families led in the church growth. The marker location is on U.S. 84, east of Mill Creek.

Old Silver Creek Baptist Church, Lawrence county. This church was chartered in 1815, but a congregation was set up with fifteen charter members on April 4, 1818 by Revs. William Cooper and George King. The marker is located on U. S. 84, Silver Creek, Mississippi.

Bogue Chitto Church (Carter's Creek), Pike county. This church was organized in 1812. At the original site, six miles west, the first Mississippi Baptist Convention was organized in 1824 with 73 churches, 27 clergy, and 2,302 members. This convention lasted until 1829. The marker is located on highway 570, east of McComb.

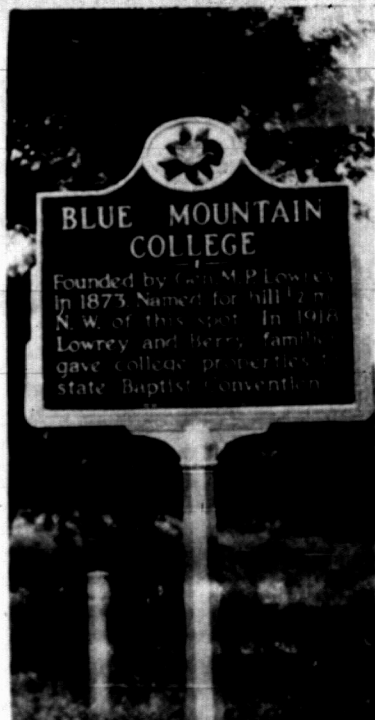
Toxish Baptist Church, Pontotoc county. The first Missionary Baptist Church in Pontotoc county, organized in 1837, and the mother of seven churches in the area. Rev. J. A. Ware served as pastor until 1885. The marker is located on Mississippi 15, south of Pontotoc.

Academy Baptist Church, Tippah county. This church was organized by Rev. Dan McKay in 1842. Rev. G. B. Waldrop, Benjamin Collins, and Nat Harbin were her first officers. Here M. P. Lowrey was pastor while drafting plans for Blue Mountain College. The marker is located on State highway 15, at Cotton Plant, near V. C. Witt's store.

Blue Mountain College, Tippah county. This college was founded, by General M. P. Lowrey, in 1873. It was named for a hill 1/4 mile north-west of its location. In 1918 the Lowrey and Berry families gave the college properties to the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The marker is located at the intersection of highway 15 and Blue Mountain's main street, one block from entrance of campus.

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Union county. This church was organized in 1842, by Elders Griffin and Knight. It entered the Chickasaw Baptist Association, under the leadership of P. Skally, in 1845. Its growth was furthered by the Ball brothers and by 1856, 188 members were enrolled. The marker is located on highway 30, in front of the church.

In addition to the above markers the Mississippi Baptist Convention has erected a historical shelter, and established permanent displays, near the site of Salem, the first Baptist church in Mississippi. The shelter is located about six miles south of Fayette on highway 61. Information concerning the early history of the church, and the contemporary activities of the denomination, is available at the shelter to interested visitors. It is a favorite stopping point for tourists who travel highway 61.



BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE was founded in 1873. This marker is at the intersection of highway 15 and Blue Mountain's main street, one block from campus entrance. (Photo courtesy Mississippi Department of Archives and History)



MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE was founded in 1826. This marker is located on old U. S. 80 west, at the entrance to the college, in Clinton. (Photo courtesy Mississippi Department of Archives and History)

Going To Yellowstone This Summer?

For Baptists in Mississippi and across the nation, who plan to visit Yellowstone National Park this summer, an invitation has been extended to visit the new Southern Baptist mission at West Yellowstone, the western entrance to the park.

Dr. John Cobb is pastor, and if you can't find him, look up Ernest Wilson at the Union 76 Station, or Darwin Stoyer at the Big Sky Corral, fine laymen of the congregation.

Rev. Roger Hill, pastor of First Baptist Church, Three Forks, Montana, one of the sponsors of the mission, has extended the invitation through his bulletin.

2 N.O. Students Named For Professor

More than the name Eugene is needed when Professor Patterson visits with two of the students now attending New Orleans Seminary. The young men are Eugene Steele and Eugene Stewart, both named for Dr. Eugene Patterson, Professor of Evangelism at the Seminary.

Dr. Patterson was pastor of the Toulmanville Baptist Church at Mobile, Alabama, in 1945 when a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Steele. His parents named him Eugene, for their pastor and friend Dr. Eugene Patterson.

Later that year Dr. Patterson joined the New Orleans Seminary faculty. In 1946 two of his students, Mr. and Mrs. Bagnell Stewart became the parents of another Eugene, named for Dr. Patterson.

Both boys attended William Carey College and both are now students at New Orleans Seminary. Eugene Ste-

ele is a second year religious education major, and has served until recently as Minister of Music and Youth at the Lee's Creek Church near Bogalusa, Louisiana. Eugene Stewart is a first year ministerial student, and serves as supply pastor of the Baptist church in Sunrise, Mississippi.

"I am very pleased to see my two name sakes here in the seminary," Dr. Patterson said. "Mrs. Patterson and I have been friends of both families through the years." In visiting with the two Eugeens, Dr. Patterson told young Steele that Mrs. Patterson had accompanied his parents to the hospital the day he was born. Dr. Patterson also recalled that Steele's father had become a Christian through his ministry.

"How often would this happen," Dr. Patterson asked, "two students in a theological school named for their professor?"

Baptist Work In Mideast Area Is Cited

"Jews will not be disappointed if when the Messiah comes they see prints of nails in his hands," responded a Jewish university professor in Jerusalem when pressed for a clear statement about the uniqueness of Christ.

His remark, made in conversation during a meeting in Jerusalem of the United Christian Council in Israel, is contained in the report of Dr. John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, filed during the meeting of the Board in Dallas, Tex., May 5-7. (The six area secretaries of the Board formed a discussion panel for their presentation to the Board, and those who wished filed reports for the minutes.)

Dr. Hughey had just returned from the meeting in Jerusalem and from visits to several of the countries of his area. Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Board, Mrs. Cauthen, and Rev. William W. Marshall, Southern Baptist missionary and field representative for the Middle East, attended the Jerusalem meeting and made stops at other of the Board's mission stations.

Dr. Hughey said one of the best features of the program of the Christian Council meeting was a paper on "The Theology of Jewish-Christian Relationships," by Dr. Robert L. Lindsey, Southern Baptist missionary and chairman of the Association of Baptist Churches in Israel. Dr. Hughey said: "The paper emphasized that the Jews have had a continuing witness to essential features of the divine-human encounter, that God's relationship to them is characterized by love, that they have been chosen by God for his purposes but have no special way of salvation outside of Christ, that all Christians are in an important sense Jews but all Jews are not Christians — and they need Christ."

Dr. Hughey said he and his traveling companions sensed the tensions of the Middle East in Gaza. Most of the 400,000 Arabs of the Gaza Strip (two-thirds of them are refugees) are restless and apprehensive and many



Parkway Training Union Receives Distinguished Recognition

Parkway Church, Jackson, is the first church in Mississippi during the current church year to achieve Distinguished Recognition in the use of the Training Union Achievement Guide. This is the highest award given. Randal Bryant is Training Union Director at Parkway. Curtis Beard serves as educational director and Rev. Bill Causey is pastor. Part of the Training Union Council is pictured above. This is the plan-

ning group directly responsible for this achievement. They are: (left to right) Bill Scott, Mrs. Elsie Andrews, Curtis Beard, Mrs. W. J. Allen, Bob Tipton, Mrs. Joe Depriest, Randal Bryant, Maurice Clower, Jr., Mrs. Maurice Clower, Jr., Mrs. Harold St. Gemme, Mrs. Esten Yow, Mr. Harold St. Gemme, and Mrs. G. C. McCoy.

are rebellious. "The Baptist hospital continues to be appreciated by the Arabs of Gaza and the Jewish occupying authorities," he explained.

Southern Baptist missionaries in Gaza are planning to open a literature and study center on a main street of the city. There will be reading rooms, English instruction, Bible study, cultural lectures, and personal counseling and evangelism.

Dr. Hughey and Mr. Marshall also visited the Baptist hospital in Jibla, Yemen. "Medical personnel on the staff are healing sick people in a land that probably has fewer hospitals and doctors than any other in the world," Dr. Hughey reported. "They and other members of the staff are beginning to make Christ known in a land where he has been unknown since the time

of Mohammed." A sheikh of Jibla told them the Baptist hospital is the best in the Middle East. Another said everyone in Yemen, including his cousin, the President, appreciates the hospital.

Southern Baptists are the only Christian group working in Yemen, Dr. Hughey pointed out. The missionaries are involved in the development of the country, he said, noting that electric lights have been installed in Jibla and that an airport that will accommodate jet planes is being built.

The missionaries want to start a training program for nurses for the hospital. The nurses would also go out into the country for preventive medicine, treatment of the sick, and (so far as they are able) for telling about Christ.

There is a need for an agricultural missionary in Yemen, Dr. Hughey said, who could improve yields of corn and other crops, encourage the growing of citrus fruits and olives, and introduce chickens that lay larger eggs than the common Yemen variety.

Mr. Marshall, who was elected to his position as field representative for the Middle East in March, will make his headquarters in Nicosia, Cyprus. He has obtained a residence permit, rented a house, and established friendships with Cypriots and Americans there and renewed friendship with an Arab family. While Cyprus will be the location of Mr. Marshall's headquarters, it will not be regarded as a mission field for Southern Baptists, Dr. Hughey said.

MUSIC

More Than 75 Mississippians To Attend The Southern Baptist Music Conference

New Orleans Seminary, June 9-10

Dr. Donald Winters, Dean, School of Fine Arts, William Carey College, and President of the Southern Baptist Music Conference, will welcome a large group of Mississippi church musicians as well as those from many other states, to the conference at the New Orleans Seminary's chapel, Monday morning, June 9.

Attending the music conference will be ministers of music, their wives, music students, music faculty members and others. It is anticipated that Mississippi will have the largest representation of any state.

Highlights of the Music Conference

Monday A.M., June 9

10:15 Call to Order of First Session
Worship Period including a solo by Josephine D'Arpa, Carey College Faculty
Choral Meditation, The Seminarians of New Orleans Seminary

Monday Afternoon

Handbell Choir Concert, First Church, Birmingham, Ala.
Composers' Symposium—led by three composers, Ralph Carmichael, Ron Nelson, Phillip Landgraves
Worship Hour, Carey College chorale
Conference Banquet, Seminary Cafeteria

Monday Night

Demonstration—Lecture by Donald Hustad, Southern Seminary Faculty
Concert by Concert Choir, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene

Tuesday Morning, June 10

Concert by Junior High Choir, First Church Dallas
President's Message by Dr. Winters

Tuesday Afternoon

Concert, The Mississippi Singing Churchmen
World Premiere of "For the Living of These Days," Church Chorale and Instrumental Group, First Church, New Orleans
4:05 Adjournment of Music Conference



Donald Winters,

New Hope Homecoming

Annual homecoming, New Hope Church, LaFayette County, will be the first Sunday in June.

Rev. James M. Metts, Jr., pastor of First Church, Indianola, will bring the 11 a.m. sermon. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Metts, Sr., retired and living in Winona.

Rev. J. W. Massie, pastor of the church, extends an invitation to the morning sermon, dinner on the ground, and singing in the afternoon.

Memphis; Interfaith Club President, Farise Edens, Sumter, S. C.; local representative, Bonnie Hill, Ripley; Freshman representative, Susan Clower, London, Ark.; ministerial representative, Bill Baker, Ripley; faculty advisor, Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, Blue Mountain; pastor advisor, Rev. Alvin G. Hall, pastor, Lowrey Memorial Church.

Rev. Wayne Edwards was ordained to the gospel ministry April 27 at Second Church, Indianola. The son of

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Edwards of Indianola, he is a sophomore at Mississippi State University. Bera Church, McCool, in Attala County, has called him as pastor. Rev. A. L. Hatten, of Winona, Carroll-Montgomery associational superintendent of missions, delivered the charge to the church; Rev. Billy Smith, pastor of Second, Indianola, preached the ordination sermon.

Orbie A. (Sonny) Evans was licensed to the gospel ministry on May 2 at Providence Church, Carroll County, during the Crusade of Americas revival. He and his wife, the former Glenda Armstrong of Winona, live in north Carrollton. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orbie L. Evans of Carrollton. Rev. Bennie Watson of Stewart is pastor at Providence.

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*June 23-28 Int. GA
*June 30-July 5 Junior GA
*July 7-12 Junior GA
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*July 21-26 Junior GA
*July 28-Aug. 2 Junior GA
*August 4-9 Junior GA

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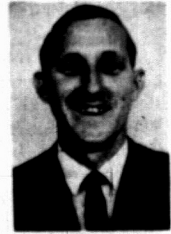
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Tom Thurman

Rhodesia



Mary Clark

David A. Pritchard, of Hudson, Colo., father of Mrs. Joseph W. McFerrin, Jr., missionary to Spain, will May 13. Mrs. McFerrin may be addressed at Calle Mandri 13, Atico, Barcelona, Spain.

Arlis Anderson, Baptist layman, State College, Miss., will be among those to appear on the program of the Baptist Men's Congress on Evangelism and Lay Involvement to be held in Nashville, Tenn., July 3-5. Mr. Anderson will be one of a large number of laymen representing 12 Baptist conventions in the United States who will appear on the program of the Baptist Men's Congress. Approximately 3,500 laymen, pastors and their wives are expected in Nashville for the meeting. Arlis Anderson will give a personal report on the acquiring, transporting and delivery of 36 registered farm animals to an experimental farm in Chone, Ecuador, operated by an agricultural missionary.

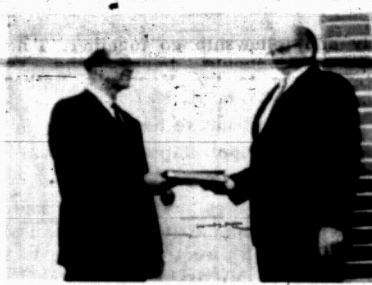
Dr. Graham L. Hales, campus minister for the University of Southern Mississippi, has been chosen to serve on a Conventionwide Suburban Church study group, sponsored by the Home Mission Board in Atlanta. The study group, composed of pastors, superintendents of missions, and denominational staff personnel, is studying the current problems of the suburban Baptist church. Dr. Hales, a native of Hazelhurst, is former pastor of University Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. Before that he was pastor of First Church, New Castle, Kentucky. He has earned degrees from Millsaps College and Southern Seminary.

Charles Carter, director of building service at Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Southeastern Association of Hospital Housekeepers. The election took place at the association's 32nd annual assembly at Miami Beach, Florida.

Dr. Chester Swor, former Dean of Men and assistant professor of English at Mississippi College, spoke at 7:30 p. m. May 19 in the Millsaps College Student Center in a program sponsored by the Millsaps Baptist Student Union. Dr. Swor travels about 25,000 miles a year on speaking engagements.

Richard Melton Beal of Pensacola, Fla., has been awarded the H. M. King Memorial Scholarship at Mississippi College for the current school year. It was announced today by Dr. Charles W. Scott, dean of students and chairman of the Financial Aids Committee. The scholarship comes from a permanent fund established by the Gleaners Bible Class of Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson to perpetuate the memory of Dr. H. M. King, who for 28 years was pastor of the church.

Names In The News



Rev. George W. Garrison, Sr. was ordained to the gospel ministry on May 4 by Fellowship Church, Tippah County. Dr. James L. Travis, professor of Bible at Blue Mountain College, delivered the ordination sermon. Rev. Harry Phillips, missionary for Benton-Tippah Associations, delivered the charge to the candidate. James Bullock, deacon and music director at Fellowship, is shown presenting the Bible to Mr. Garrison. The newly ordained preacher is a graduate of Mississippi State College and has had Extension Seminary work at Blue Mountain Center. His wife, the former Syble Logan, is a graduate of Blue Mountain College. She wrote a poem, "A Call to Serve," dedicated to her husband, and printed in the ordination bulletin. Mr. Garrison has been preaching in jails and institutions, and supplying in churches. He is available for whatever type work the Lord may lead him to do. Rev. Preston Latch is pastor of the Fellowship Church.



Don Aldon Williams, left, was licensed to the gospel ministry on May 16 by Fellowship Church, near Summit, in Pike County. He is pictured receiving the certificate of license from his pastor, Rev. Wayne DuBose. Mr. Williams recently graduated from Southwest Junior College, Summit, and plans to enter William Carey College in the fall.

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Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport, at the request of Edwards Church, Edwards, has ordained Rev. C. H. Locklin, Jr., into the gospel ministry. Locklin is serving as pastor of the Edwards Church. He has served in this position since July 1968. A student at Mississippi College, he is married and has one child. His wife is the former Dianne Hutson, of Jackson. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Locklin, Sr. of Gulfport.

Rev. Robert Sugg, Director of the Blue Mountain BSU, announces that the following officers have been elected to fill places of responsibility on the BSU Council for the 1969-70. president, Becky Greer of Charleston; vice-president, Linda Kirby, Elgin, S. C.; secretary-treasurer, Jamie Reeder, Blue Springs; devotional chairman, Linda Edwards, Chewalla, Tennessee; enlistment chairman, Becky Stennett, Memphis; Sunday school superintendent, Wendy Moore, Tampa, Fla.; Training Union director, Faye Clackley, Alexander City, Ala.; YWA president, Willie McFerrin, Grenada; social chairman, Kaye Wallace, Slaughter, La.; music director, Kathy Little, Houston, Texas; Christian citizenship chairman, Ellen Swayingham, Pickens, S. C.; missions chairman, Jo Ann Johnson, Tutwiler; publicity chairman, Linda Atkinson,

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44 Graduate From Gilfoy

Three students won major awards Friday night, May 23, at the 57th annual commencement exercises for the Gilfoy School of Nursing of Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

Ceremonies for 44 seniors — the largest graduating class since 1937 — were held at the Ridgecrest Church, Jackson.

A total of 1348 students have graduated from the school since it was established in 1911.

Receiving the Balfour Award for maintaining the highest academic average throughout the 30-month program was Miss Dawn Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Smith, of Neshoba.

The Student Council Award was won by Miss Nita Bennett, daughter of Mrs. Lee Creighton, of Pelehatchie.

The student receiving this award, according to Mrs. Mary Holyfield, director of the school, is judged to be the most outstanding senior student on the campus in regard to academic achievement, performance in the clinical laboratory, contribution to group living and student welfare, and participation in student government and student professional organization activities.

The third major award went to Miss Betty Oakes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Oakes, of West. She was selected by the school's Baptist Student Union as the senior portraying the best example of Christian living on the campus.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. Robert M. Ritter, psychiatrist and director of research at Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield.



Blue Mountain's Class Presidents

MEMBERS of the various classes of Blue Mountain College have honored these young women by electing them to the top offices. Left to right: Sophomore President, Sandra Williams, Clarksdale; Senior Class President, Mary Howell, Bolivar, Tenn.; Junior Class President, Kaye Wallace, Slaughter, La.; and Permanent Senior Class President, Kathy Wessels, Memphis.

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Eastern Religious Ed Group To Preview 1970 Innovations

Ridgecrest, N. C. — Church staff members will get an early preview of all new 1970 programs and materials at the Eastern Religious Education Association meeting at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly July 23-24.

Program leaders from the Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission will attend and personally interpret all the innovations scheduled to begin October 1, 1970.

"Because of the major changes being proposed in all educational resources, we are pleased that so many denominational leaders will be present to interpret all of the new approaches and materials," said Howard B. Foshee, president of the Eastern Religious Education Association. "We will get to see the new resources almost six months before their formal preview in state conferences," Foshee said.

In addition, nationally known educators will demonstrate the latest in teaching and learning resources that churches can apply in the 1970's. Resources will be demonstrated such as computer related teaching, closed circuit television, and programmed instruction.

The meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. on

Black Lungs. Almost two pints of tobacco tar per year are deposited on the lungs of a one-pack-a-day cigarette smoker, according to Dr. A. H. Roffo, a German cancer specialist.

test of relationship is the abiding presence of Jesus Christ's Spirit which he promised. This Spirit has been with us from the beginning. The Spirit is the one who inspired us to confess Christ in the first place. The Holy Spirit is the source of strength to live righteously and to love the brethren. For assurance in our hearts, we need to look for the Spirit's working in our hearts.

July 23 and closes at 3:00 p.m. on July 24. Write Mr. Ken McAnear, manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, for reservations.



Gilfoy Girl Is "A Winner"

A Meadville girl, Miss Nan Haire, was selected first alternate in the recent "Miss State Student Nurse" contest in Biloxi. Miss Haire, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Franklin Haire, of Meadville, is a junior at the Gilfoy School of Nursing at Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson. In a second honor, Miss Haire was elected to the executive committee of the Mississippi Baptist Student Union, which held its annual leadership-training conference recently at Gulfshore Assembly.

Miss Haire, in her presentation, sang "I Believe in Miracles" and simultaneously executed the words of the song in sign language, as a dramatization of the career of Helen Keller.

Her father is pastor of Providence Church, Franklin County.

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Kinds Of Writings In The Bible

By Clifton J. Allen

Exodus 14:15; Leviticus 19:11-18; Ruth; Proverbs 10:1-5; Amos 7:7-9; Luke 15:3-10; 24:44; Acts 2:1-4;

Philemon

The Bible is about the living God and about living people. It is natural that the writings of the Bible would reflect the full scope of human experience and different ways of interpreting human aspiration and struggle, human failure and achievement, all in relation to God's mighty acts of self-disclosure and righteous love. The writings of the Bible represent almost all literary forms and together constitute examples of literature on the highest level of effective communication. To mention the major kinds of writing in the Bible constitutes an imposing list: history, poetry, laws and commandments, biography, wisdom literature, drama, elegy, fiction, census lists, genealogies, prayers, and sermons. The different kinds of writing provide a clue to the meaning.

The Poetic Expression of Truth
Exodus 15:1-2

These verses introduce a song of praise, attributed to Moses, which celebrated God's mighty deliverance of the Israelites at the Red Sea. It might properly be called a hymn of victory. The central ideas are the greatness of God, the reality of his help to his people, his righteous judgment on the forces of evil, and the majesty of his holiness.

Much of the poetry of the Bible is magnificent in religious insight, depth of feeling, and beauty of expression. The book of Job is called by some the world's greatest drama. The Psalms reflect every mood of the soul's response to life and to God. The book of Proverbs represents wisdom literature finding expression through poetry and setting forth in epigrammatic form the refined wisdom of human experience. Much of the writing of the great Hebrew prophets is in poetry, unexcelled in loftiness of thought and spiritual insight. But the student of the Bible must learn something of the qualities of poetry, its symbols and figures and moods and forms, if he is to understand the profound message of God's revelation.

The Truth In Parables
Luke 15:3-10

Basically, a parable is an imaginary story designed to teach a spiritual truth. The parables selected from Luke 15 are parts of a larger parable designed to teach God's concern for lost persons and his joy in bestowing forgiveness to repentant sinners. The climax of the larger parable is usually thought of as the parable of the prodigal son, but it might more appropriately be called the parable of the forgiving father. Some people consider this parable to be the greatest short story ever written. The unified

parable of Luke 15 has many secondary truths. Its central truth is sublime.

The parable is a literary form which was used by Jesus to illustrate truth in life and to communicate in unforgettable stories the doctrines and duties of faith and action.

Christian Correspondence
Philemon 1-3

This letter of the apostle Paul to Philemon is a part of the Christian correspondence which is about one-third of the New Testament. Most of Paul's letters were addressed to churches. The letters to Timothy, Titus, and Philemon were personal. The letters, Hebrews to Jude, were general in character. In Revelation we have the letters to the seven churches, different in character from the regular letters or epistles, but still in the form of correspondence. The New Testament book letters give us our picture of New Testament church life. These letters also interpret the meaning of Christ and his redemptive work, so that they are, along with the Gospels and Acts and Revelation, the textbooks of Christian theology. The Christian correspondence is unique in showing how the Spirit of God gave

the brief letter of Paul to Philemon is a plea for a runaway slave, Onesimus, then no longer a slave but a brother to both Paul and Philemon. This letter helped to break the bonds of human slavery and injected a force for brotherhood into the life of the world.

Truths to Live By

The Bible portrays and interprets the realism of life. — Ugliness and treachery and brutality and adultery and jealousy and pride and other forms of evil are described with frankness. But the awful iniquity of human nature is never portrayed in a way to glamorize evil or to encourage evil desire. Duty and heroism and integrity and fidelity and generosity and sacrifice and love and kindness and other virtues are portrayed with vigor and wholesome appeal. The writings of the Bible do not ignore suffering or despair or doubt or death. They affirm and magnify purity and truthfulness and love and every quality of goodness that reflects the moral strength and self-giving love of the Son of God. To understand life, let one read the Bible, the Book of life.

The writings of the Bible are a challenge to Christian writers. — The truth of the biblical revelation is to be the writer's message. The Christian writer has something to say, something that has both current and eternal relevance, something that applies to every dimension of life and every area of human experience. Further, he should find in the Bible the challenge for the acquirement of skill and craftsmanship worthy to be the medium to communicate the truth of God. The best of art and technique, of purpose and insight, is required to tell the story of eternal salvation and sounds, out the divine call to serve mankind in the name of Christ.

Characteristics Of The Children Of God

I John 3

By Bill Duncan

Most people agree that the second portion of I John 3-5 has a prevailing emphasis of love as an attribute of God and a requirement of His people. Love is the theme! It is also the chief characteristic of a child of God. There are other characteristics that are mentioned in chapter three that we want to consider in this chapter.

R. A. Torrey lists seven great facts about believers in Jesus Christ that we want to use as our outline for this study. Believers in Jesus Christ are now children of God.

This is a familiar truth, so familiar that we do not realize its vast importance. It is more than a privilege — it is a fact. The American Standard Version has the phrase "And such we are." This is not a promise for the life of eternity but this very moment.

Because we are the children of God we should have the family likeness of love. It is by faith in Christ that we are adopted into the family of God. It is well to remember that family and fellowship go together. The resemblance to the Heavenly Father. This is a divinely granted relationship with Himself and with our fellow Christians.

Believers Shall Be Like
Jesus When He Comes

"We shall be like Him for we shall see Him even as He is." There is a day coming when the children of God shall be just like the Lord Jesus. There are many Christlike people, but not one is as much like Christ as God wishes. There is no doubt but that Jesus shall be manifested at the time when the body we have will be discarded for one like Christ's. One look at Jesus shall bring immortal transformation. At this point we do not know what we will be like, but our memory of what He was like encourages us. This hope will be a purifying impression.

The Believer Does Not Make A
Practice Of Sin

"The true believers in Christ, those who have been born again, and are therefore abiding in Christ, do not make a practice of sin. There are some who read this passage to teach sinlessness. But "Sinneth not" is best understood as "continueth not in an habitual practice of sin." An act of sin in a believer is serious enough; but a life of sin is immeasurably blameworthy.

John has already said that "if a believer sins — an act of sin, then

there is help for him. A Christian cannot continue in a life of sin in this present tense.

If any man is consciously disobeying God, he would be wise to ask if he is a child of God.

The Believer Knows that He Has
Passed out of Death Into Life

It is wonderful to know that a believer has eternal life and he can know it because "we love the brethren." Real faith leads inevitably to love for the brethren, and by the possession of this love of the brethren, which springs up in our heart out of faith, we have the assurance of life.

There are given some tests of love. (1) If we lay down our lives at the disposal of sacrifice as he did then we have love. We seldom see this kind of love in our world.

The ones who are our test are the brethren — any and all who are born of God. It does not matter the need. If he is our brother in Christ we should love him.

The Believer Has Boldness
Before God

"Beloved, if our heart condemn us we have boldness toward God." We have boldness toward God's presence and have frank, free open-heartedness in God's presence that pours its heart out unreservedly. In Isaiah the seraphim must cover his face in God's presence. But when our hearts are right and there is no selfishness, we can pray, talk with God or let him talk with us.

The Believer Has Power to Obtain
From God By Prayer
Whatever He Asks

"Whatever we ask" we receive of him, because we keep his commandments and do the things that are pleasing in his sight. If God is to listen to us we must first listen to Him.

God is like a father. He does not lay down a law about everything. He gives his children liberty. It pleases Him to know that his children are studying to know what will please him whether He has commanded it or not. There are some who will only do what is explicitly commanded.

Prayer is a great ability of the Christian and he needs to guard his use of it. He also needs to keep the line clear by doing God's will.

Believers in Jesus Christ Have the
Gift of the Holy Spirit

"Hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he gave us." The gift of the Holy Spirit and the baptism with the Holy Spirit are practically one and the same. The

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Alma Hunt, with a glimpse of WMU in the 70's
William M. Pinson, keynote speaker
- Monday, June 9, 2:00
Mrs. W. C. Ruchti, Italy
Roderick Loney, Harlem
Elton Trueblood, author
- Monday, June 9, 7:30
a special youth-accented session
Music by Gene Bartlett, Oklahoma
- Tuesday, June 10, 9:30
The team that produced Good News for Modern Man
A brand-new youth musical drama
- Tuesday, June 10, 2:00
Herman P. Hayes, Vietnam
Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Caudill
Mr. and Mrs. David Fite, Cuba
- Tuesday, June 10, 2:00
Mrs. David C. Dorr, Middle East
Election of WMU officers
Elton Trueblood and Kenneth Chafin in dialogue

RIVERGATE EXHIBITION CENTER

Dr. Claude Rhea Accepts Samford University Post

Dr. Claude H. Rhea, Jr., consultant in church music and mass communications for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board since June 1, 1967, announced to the Board at its May meeting in Dallas, Texas, that he would be joining the administrative staff of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., September 1.

At Samford he will be chairman of the division of music. Before coming to the Foreign Mission Board he was vice-president for administrative affairs and chairman of the division of fine arts at Houston (Tex.) Baptist College. Prior to taking the Houston post he was dean of the school of church music and professor at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

Citing the rigors of two years of almost constant international travel and a continuing love for higher education among the reasons for his move, Dr. Rhea pointed out some areas of accomplishment in his two years with the Foreign Mission Board: "We have formulated job descriptions for both phases of my task—music and mass communications. We have established a workable format for the

use of music and guest artists in overseas evangelistic crusades."

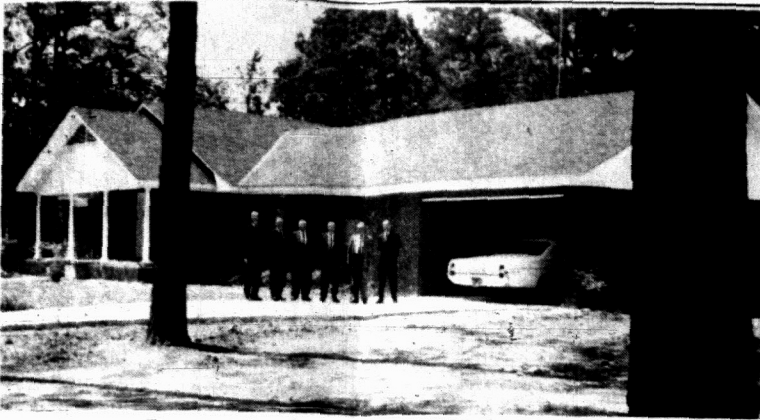
He said the Board's May action to add to the staff of the overseas division a consultant on laymen overseas brings special satisfaction. "This is one of the things I have wanted to see since coming with the Foreign Mission Board," he commented.

To the Foreign Mission Board he said, "I can never begin to express adequately to each of you the joy and the privilege that have been mine these two years—to travel up and down the world witnessing through song and to share Christ through concerts and radio and television in 41 countries."

"I covet your prayers for a fresh understanding of how to go into my God-appointed world of the university and share the gospel."

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, said: "During his two years with the Board, Dr. Rhea has rendered service which will bear fruit for years to come. His concerts across the world have blessed thousands and his radiant Christian life has been a blessing to all his colleagues. We are grateful for him and for work he has done for Christ in our midst."

Dr. Rhea will continue his responsibilities with the Foreign Mission Board through the summer, participating in both its foreign mission conferences, at Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M.



Pastorium at Hurricane Creek

HURRICANE CREEK CHURCH, Marion County, recently completed a brick-veneer, air-conditioned pastorium with three bedrooms, two baths, living room, dining room, kitchen-den, study, utility room, and two carports. Pictured are the pastor, Rev. Maxie Nelson; and Building Committee, Robin Fortenberry, Garland Thomas, Otis McKenzie, Shirley McKenzie, and Chester Germany. Not pictured William McKenzie.

East German Baptists Consider New Name

Baptist leaders in the German Democratic Republic (Eastern Germany) want to abandon the denominational name which has been shared in common with Baptists in Western Germany for more than 20 years.

The two have used the common title, "Union of Protestant Free Churches in Germany." The word, "Germany," has been a symbol of a geographical area including both East and West.

Although the name "Baptist" is not carried in the denominational title, the union is primarily composed of Baptists.

Now, the executive council of Baptists in Eastern Germany has voted to adopt a new title for the denomination there. It would be called "Union of Protestant Free Churches in the German Democratic Republic."

The Baptist action follows the pattern of what has been happening in other denominations in Eastern Germany, as pressure to break the last ties—even sentimental ones—with brethren in Western Germany has been applied.

Baptists in Western and Eastern

Germany have been geographically separated by the Berlin Wall and by the mined and patrolled border stretching from the Baltic Sea to the Czechoslovakian frontier. Travel restrictions have forced West German and East German Baptists to hold separate assemblies and to have separate administrations and institutions.

Differences in currency and regulations forbidding free exchange of the two monies have rendered impossible joint denominational projects in missions, charity, and other fields.

Circulation of Western periodicals in Eastern Germany has been prohibited, adding to the isolation. This has applied to Baptist newspapers and religious books as well.

The executive council of Baptists in the East is requesting the triennial assembly of East German Baptists, meeting in May in Dresden, to confirm formally the action already taken by the council to use a new name "conforming to the present legal reality of the GDR."

There are about 26,000 Baptists in Eastern Germany and 65,000 in Western Germany.

First Things First

Luke 14:15-24

By David W. McCubbin, Associate Pastor
Minister of Education, First, Meridian

One of the principles which guides, restrains, and challenges life is that first things must come first. The clouds gather before the rain. The planting is done before the harvest. The well is drilled before the flow.

First things first. We consciously or unconsciously make this principle an important part of our lives. Our time is organized around this principle. We find the time to do those things which must be done in order that everyday activities may be carried out. The flat tire must be changed before the car can be used. The dishes must be washed for the next meal. Making a living must come before pleasure. Essentials must necessarily come first.

Our spare time is organized around this principle. We find time to do the things that we like to do. We give priority to the activities we enjoy over those we don't enjoy. There may be time for visiting a friend but no time to repair the garage roof. There may be time for golf but no time for the community charity project. The use of our time is organized around the principle of first things first.

When we consider the use of our money we realize that here again it is organized around first things first.

In the Bible, we find that God requires that first things be placed first. However, it is not left up to our imagination, our desires nor even to momentary necessity as to just which things are to come first.

Jesus said "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." The first commandment is "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Thus the Bible says that a man's relationship to God should be his first concern.

First things first means that we give God the primary place in our lives. Among other things, He is to be the first love of our lives; we worship Him on the first day of the week; we give Him the top tenth of our income; and we seek first His kingdom. Unless He is first, everything else is out of order.

Heuck's Retreat Homecoming

Heuck's Retreat (Lincoln County) homecoming services have been planned for June 1, with dinner in Fellowship Hall.

Rev. Jewell Kyzar will bring the morning message and Mrs. Mary Smith Sutton of Crystal Springs will bring a message in song. The morning service will be concluded with a brief memorial service.

In the afternoon, classes of 1949, 1950, and 1951 will be honored. Special music and a historical sketch of the church and school will be presented. Offerings from the morning and afternoon services will go to the cemetery fund.

The denominational yearbook published in Western Germany has continued through its last number, despite the relative isolation of East and West, to list the three district associations of Baptist churches located in the GDR.

It has been observed, however, that even the change of name can not affect the spiritual concern which the two groups will have for another, and have in fact had through the years.—(EBPS)



Annual Dedication

Dr. Julia Todd and Dr. Hollis B. Todd proudly display a copy of the 1969 TRIBESMAN, college yearbook at Mississippi College, which has been dedicated to them by this year's annual staff. The Todds, a husband-wife team of speech and drama professors, have been members of the Mississippi College faculty since 1949. The yearbook, edited by Donna Round of Laurel, is currently being distributed to students. The presentation to the Todds was made during Honors Day at the College. (MC Photo)



New Clarke College BSU Council

CLARKE COLLEGE BSU COUNCIL for 1969-70, seen in animated discussion above, are holding an important meeting in the new B.S.U. center on the campus. Sitting (left to right), Diane Malone, Eight Mile, Ala., Y.W.A. president; Frank Blackwell, Union, Social Chairman, Linda Ballard, Batesville, Secretary; Caroline Franklin, Gardendale, Ala., R.E.A. Chairman; Jo Ann Fite, Batesville, Social Chairman; Kim Bialock, Little Rock, Enlistment Vice-President; Marilyn Allen, Magnolia, Devotional Chairman. Standing (left to right) Pat Atwood, Jackson, Mission Band Chairman; Ron Baker, Tupelo, Men's Dorm Meditation Chairman; Glenn Shows, Brookhaven, Music Chairman; Linda Marter, Grenada, President; and Rev. J. B. Costlow, B.S.U. director.

Southern Seminary Workshop To Focus On Theme, "Education For Change"

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — "Education for Change" will be the theme of a continuing education workshop scheduled at Southern Seminary, June 23-27.

The workshop is sponsored by the school of religious education of the seminary and is geared to help church education staff members to meet the challenge of change. Lucien E. Coleman, Jr., assistant professor of religious education and one of the workshop directors, said the conference is designed to emphasize that "the Christian educator can neither resist change, nor fear it. He must plan for it, initiate it, and guide it toward God-given objectives."

Allen W. Graves, dean of the religious education school, will give the workshop's keynote address Monday evening in Alumni Chapel.

Harold Senger, a member of the New Testament faculty, will speak Tuesday through Friday on Biblical interpretation. He will be followed each morning and afternoon by seminars led by faculty members.

The morning seminars will deal with

"Guiding church educational processes in an Era of Change" and "Education for Renewal." Findley B. Edge, Robert Proctor, Ernest Loessner, and Coleman will direct these discussions.

The afternoon meetings will take up the topics "The Family, Religious Education, and a Changing Society" and "Growing Persons in a Growing World. They will be led by Elizabeth Hutchens, William Cromer, E. G. Loessner, and Proctor. There will be no evening activities except for the banquet.

The workshop is open to all religious education workers, including ministers of youth, education, and adult and children's workers.

Seminary housing will be available at \$15 for the week. Persons interested in enrolling should send a pre-registration fee of \$5 to Dr. Allen W. Graves, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky. 40206. This fee will be applied to the \$25 registration fee, which covers tuition and cost of educational materials. Registration begins at 10 a.m. June 23, in room 148 Norton Hall.

S. H. McMahan Dies

Selby Hayes McMahan of Braxton died May 10 in a Jackson nursing home following a long illness.

Born in Newton County, McMahan served two and a half years on active duty in armed forces during World War II and 21 years in the Army reserve. He retired Oct. 1, 1966, from the 804th Quarter Master Petroleum Company.

He was a member of Holly Grove Baptist Church in Simpson County and was active in the church until becoming ill.

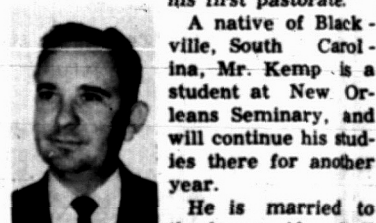
He was an ardent supporter of the Baptist Record, and often visited the Baptist Building, where he had many friends among the employees. Also, he regularly attended state Baptist conventions in Jackson every fall.

Services were held at Hebron Baptist Church in Newton County with burial in the church cemetery. R. Michael Everett, Rev. Robinson and the Rev. J. W. Grice officiated.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Ethel McMahan; two brothers, Toney McMahan of Meridian and Niles McMahan of Union; four sisters, Mrs. E. O. Simmons, Mrs. A. C. Johnson and Mrs. J. W. Johnson, all at Meridian and Miss Nell McMahan of Union.

Pleasant Grove Calls Pastor

Rev. John E. Kemp has been called to serve as pastor of Pleasant Grove Church, Wayne County. This is his first pastorate.



A native of Blackville, South Carolina, Mr. Kemp is a student at New Orleans Seminary, and will continue his studies there for another year.

He is married to the former Alyce Kull of Columbia, South Carolina, and they have three children: Sharon, 12; Linda, 10; and Eddie, 8. They will live in the pastorium on week-ends and during summer vacation.

Dr. Clinard Is Summer Speaker For 'Baptist Hour'

Dr. Gordon Clinard, pastor of First Church, San Angelo, Texas, and president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will replace Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs as speaker on "The Baptist Hour" during the month of June.

His sermon topics will be: June 1 — "The New Breed," a discussion of man based on Genesis 1 and 2; June 8 — "A Conversation With Satan," from Genesis 3; June 15 — "Keeper Or Brother?" Genesis 4; June 22 — "Scrapers God Does Not See," from Genesis 11.

J. R. Buckley Dies At 91

John. Richie Buckley of Pinola died April 16 of this year, at the age of 91, after an illness of fourteen months.

Mr. Buckley's daughter, Mrs. A. W. Murray of Jackson, has written an obituary and a memorial poem in memory of her father.

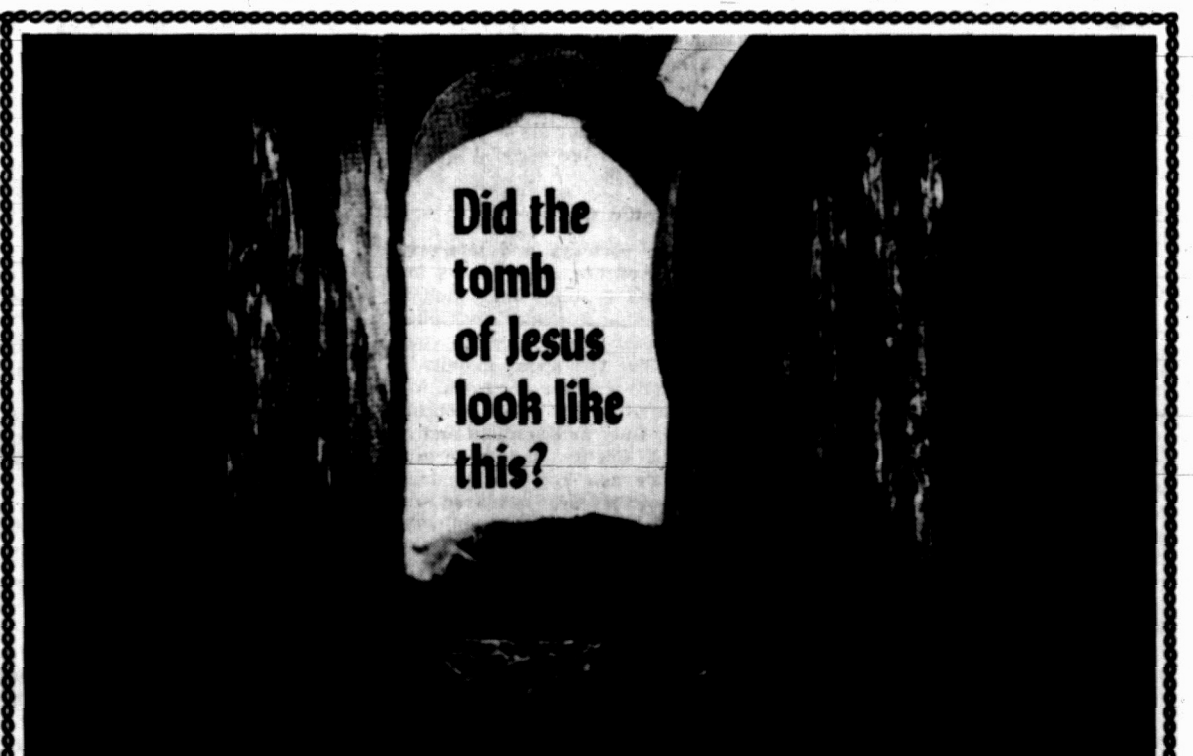
She says, "Until he uttered his last word, he preached Christ and Him crucified. . . He fluently quoted scripture, sang hymns, praised the Lord, and pleaded with us to please tell people about Jesus. . . His face beamed with a radiant, angelic smile as he continued his glorious testimony. . . Only a few hours before he lapsed into a coma he sang a medley of hymns—'How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds,' 'Blessed Be the Name,' and 'There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood.' His final days were only an accent to the devoted Christian life he lived."

The poem which Mrs. Murray wrote in memory of her father is based on Matthew 27.



Mt. Zion Honors Oldest

Mt. Zion Church, near Hernando, in DeSoto County, honored Mrs. Annie Rhimes, at left above, on May 11, as the oldest mother. Mrs. Rhimes, now 79, attends church regularly and teaches a Sunday school class. Mt. Zion Church was begun in her home, where a Sunday school class first was started in 1942. Shown with her is her brother, T. J. Laughter, one of the first deacons. He, too, is regularly in attendance, and a teacher; most people call him "Uncle Tom," including the pastor, Rev. Eugene Howell. One member said, "These two most faithful members have often kept this church going with their attendance and prayers."



"...and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed." (MATT. 27:60)

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